

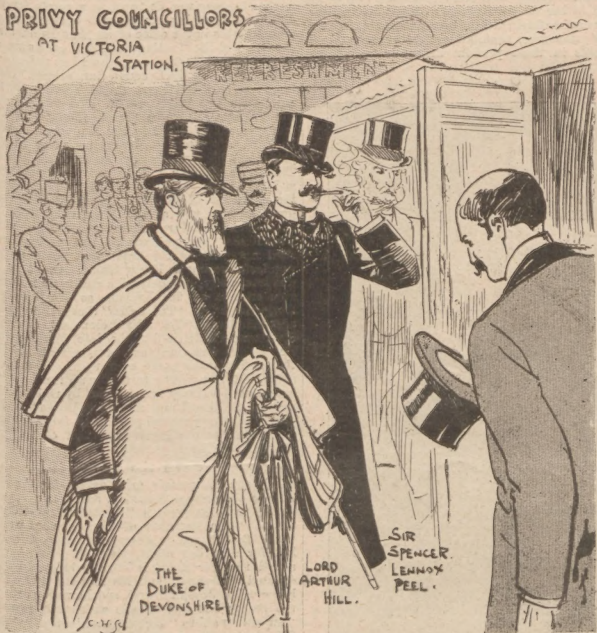
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THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S VISIT TO THE QUEEN:
AT VICTORIA STATION.



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THE LATE COLONEL JOHN HAUGHTON, KILLED IN
THE INDIAN FRONTIER WAR.



SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT AND MR. JOHN MORLEY
IN RICHMOND TERRACE.



The Finchley Sensation.—A presentiment that he would be shot! Poor Thomas Webb, the head cowkeeper of the Express Dairy Company's College Farm at Church End, Finchley, is said to have been burdened with the idea that he would meet with his death in this tragic fashion. He had made his usual look round the farm on Saturday evening, Jan. 29, when he appears to have been shot by accident or design at the spot near his cottage indicated in our Artist's sketch. Mrs. Webb was much affected in explaining the mysterious occurrence at the inquest held in the Orange-Tree Inn. She said her husband opened the front door and called out to her, "Soph, I'm shot!" She went out at once, and said, "What did you say?" and he said, "I am shot, lowey." She went to fetch a neighbour, and when she returned he was dead. A barrister, Mr. R. C. Mackenzie, living near, heard two shots about ten minutes past eight. Dr. C. J. Harper found a bullet had gone through the larynx of the deceased. We can only add we trust the vigilance of the Police will lead to the arrest of the person who fired the fatal shot.

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Talk of London.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

TOWN is much fuller. There's a ruddier glow of health in the faces of the new-comers. Even statesmen, whose complexions wax so pallid when the Parliamentary Session wanes, appeared sunny and beaming at the reassembling of the Lords and Commons at St. Stephen's last Tuesday. It is rather a monotonous affair—"when Greek joins Greek" on "the floor" of Parliament. It is, indeed, surprising how the surging flood of public platforms calms down at Westminster under the placid influence of Ministerial explanations.

The Government Programme

was summarised concisely in Her Majesty's Speech, read by Royal Commission in the House of Peers in the presence of a representative body of both Houses. After chronicling the Treaty of Peace between Turkey and Greece, and referring hopefully to a settlement of the Cretan Difficulty, the Speech from the Woolsack briefly declared that a contingent of British troops would advance to Berber to meet the Khalifa's Sudanese Army, and admiringly mentioned the friendly treaty with Abyssinia. China was left out in the cold—so far as the Speech was concerned. Help was promised the British West Indies, whose falling sugar industries have occasioned so much loss in the islands. The bravery of the Anglo-Indian troops in their arduous mountain warfare with the valorous Afridis was recognised; and the strenuous efforts to grapple with the Plague and famine in India commanded due notice. Finally, the chief Ministerial measures were heralded, and may be thus enumerated—

- 1.—Irish Local Government Reform on the lines of the English County Council Act.
- 2.—Increase in the Army.
- 3.—London Municipalities.
- 4.—Secondary Education Bill.
- 5.—Limited Liability Act Amendment.

The Queen's Council,

at which the Royal Speech was approved, it is presumed, took place at Osborne on Feb. 3. There were present the Duke of Devonshire, K.G. (Lord President of the Council), the Right Hon. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household), and the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P. (First Commissioner of Works). Sir Charles Lennox Peel, K.C.B., was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. A P.P. Artist present in the morning at the Victoria Terminus was able to secure a good sketch of the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Arthur Hill, and Sir Charles Lennox Peel as they were about to enter the train bound for Portsmouth.

Sir William Harcourt

was sketched on the morrow by the same hand with Mr. John Morley, M.P., in Richmond Terrace.

The stalwart Leader of the Opposition in the Commons has taken up his residence at No. 7, and there Sir William entertained his Liberal colleagues at dinner on the eve of the opening of the Session. Lord Kimberley gave a dinner to the Liberal Peers on Monday; but the return of Lord Rosebery to London from Naples clearly proved that to the first-named amiable Earl would not be altogether left the sprightly criticism of the Government in the Upper Chamber. Of the fitness of Mr. Lawson Walton, Q.C., M.P., to begin the campaign in the Commons against the policy which brought about the Indian Frontier War there could be no possible doubt whatever. The Liberal member for South Leeds is a clever debater, and is a welcome aid to Sir Robert Reid, Q.C., M.P., on the Opposition side of the House, especially as the place of his lamented friend, Sir Frank Lockwood, knows him no more.

The Earl of Albemarle,

(deserving the sympathies of all Volunteers as the son of the genial Lord Bury, who worked so

loyally and so steadfastly with the then Lord Elcho to place our Rifle Corps on a firm footing) is a manly type of the rising generation of Peers whom the foremost Leaders of both Parties have encouraged to devote themselves to public life. Some time Lieutenant in the Dorset Militia, and Lieutenant in the Scots Guards, Lord Albemarle makes a good Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Civil Service Rifles. I need add nothing to the particulars given on another page save that his ancestor, Arnold Joost von Keppel, came over (as "Dod" tells us) with the Prince of Orange, by whom he was held in the highest esteem; and after the Prince's accession to the Throne, he was created Earl of Albemarle, and received the Garter. The second Earl was a distinguished Ambassador and General; and the sixth Earl, after fighting bravely at Waterloo, lived to a green old age.

Colonel John Haughton's Death

in the deplorably fatal engagement on Jan. 23 at Shinkunur Kotah, has naturally plunged his relatives and friends at home and in India into heartfelt grief, for, besides being an officer of great bravery, devotion, and distinction, he was eminently lovable. The photograph reproduced on our front page is believed to be the latest taken of him. It may well seem peculiarly and sadly hard to the many admirers of this noble soldier (you can see fidelity to Duty animates every feature of his fine face) that, after fighting for several months in those perilous mountain passes, he



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LORD ALBEMARLE,

SECONDER OF THE ADDRESS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

whose wisdom and forethought had been instrumental in saving the lives of his own valuable troops, should have lost his own valuable life through an ill-judged movement on the part of others. But such, alas! is the fortune of War. Lieutenant-Colonel John Haughton was educated at Uppingham and Sandhurst, joined Her Majesty's 34th Regiment (the Warwickshire) in 1871; was transferred to the 72nd Regiment (Seaforth Highlanders) in 1874, and at once commenced working for entrance into the Indian Staff Corps. He volunteered for service during the Madras Famine, and received great praise from the Indian Government for his work at report. As Captain, he served with the 10th Bengal Native Infantry. He obtained his Majority in 1891 while serving in the Intelligence Department of the War Office. He studied Russian during an interval of leave. Receiving the offer of the Adjutancy of the 35th Sikhs, he rejoined that regiment early in 1892, and was appointed Wing Commander shortly afterwards. Colonel Haughton took over the command of the 36th Sikhs in June 1894. His death is a severe loss to our Indian Army.

Christina Rossetti.

The life of this remarkable woman and exquisite poetess has been published this week by Messrs. Hurst and Blackett, with portraits and facsimiles. The author is Mr. Mackenzie Bell, who had most favourable opportunities of describing one of the most beautiful writers and one of the noblest women of our time. Although Christina Georgina Rossetti—to give her full name—frequently wrote in a most impassioned style, she had schooled herself into a calmness and serenity of manner which often surprised those who read her delightful poems. Born in 1830, she displayed poetic gifts at a very early age in *The Germ*, the Pre-Raphaelite magazine, and in 1862, her "Goblin Market" was a striking success, the poems in this volume being still popular. The gifted lady died a little more than three years ago, and this pleasant volume will help to keep the memory of Christina Rossetti fresh for many a year to come.

A Forgotten Oratorio of Handel

was performed at Queen's Hall last Saturday.

It was "Athaliah," the third of the great composer's sacred works. Written in 1733 for Oxford University, it has been quite ignored since. Handel evidently did not regard it as a masterpiece, and in fact used portions of the work in a serenata performed at the King's Theatre in honour of the marriage of the Princess Royal to the Prince of Orange. Handel's librettist, Samuel Humphreys, was one of the dullest dogs imaginable in verse. Some of his lines are fearful trash; but occasional choruses in "Athaliah" are not unworthy of the great composer, and have been introduced in the programmes of Handel Festivals at the Crystal Palace. The oratorio was given by the Handel Society, and the performance was interesting as a whole, and attracted a large audience, including the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, M.P., First Lord of the Treasury, a great admirer of the composer, and a Minister who will probably find it secure in the House of Commons.

Sir Henry Irving

was sixty years of age last Sunday. Happily, he is still in full possession of his great powers, and, we trust, may continue to be so for many a year to come. Born at Keinton, near Glastonbury, Somersetshire, Feb. 6, 1838, our great Actor-Manager was destined as a youth for the desk and counting-house, and actually spent some months in the office of an East India merchant. But the "ruling passion" overcame all obstacles, and in 1856 he appeared as Orleans in "Richelieu" at the Lyceum, Sunderland. Next he played at the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, for more than two years, and in 1859 was seen at the Princess's, Oxford Street, then under the management of the late Sir Augustus Harris. In 1866, after ten hard-working years in the provinces, he was engaged at the St. James's Theatre, and when "Formosa" was produced at Drury Lane on Aug. 5, 1869, he represented the character of Compton Kerr. But his first great success was at the Vandeville, June 4, 1870, when Mr. Albery's charming comedy of "The Two Roses" was produced. I was present, and shall never forget the impression made by his wonderful acting as Digby Grant. Great as he was in comedy, he achieved a still more remarkable success at the Lyceum as Matthias the Burgomaster, in "The Bells," that striking play adapted from "Le Juif Polonais" of MM. Erckmann-Chatelain by the late Mr. Leopold Lewis. A more original or powerful Hamlet than Irving's was never seen upon the modern stage. It is useless to follow up the brilliant career of Sir Henry Irving, who by right of his genius, his liberal and artistic treatment of the drama, and his personal popularity, is everywhere recognised as the leader and chief of his profession. Sir Henry performs

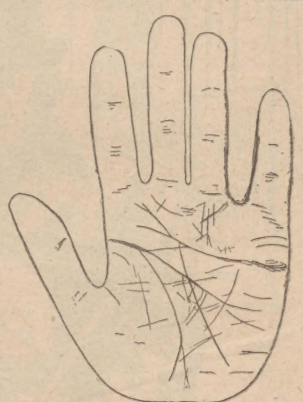
Peter the Great

in his son Laurence's grim drama for the last time on the present Saturday, and is to reappear with Miss Ellen Terry in "Madame Sans-Gêne" and in "The Merchant of Venice" next week; "The Bells" and "Waterloo" composing the bill for Saturday night, Feb. 19. It may be added that Sir Henry is literally beloved by his devoted Company; and his faithful box-office keeper, Mr. Joseph Hurst, speaks with gusto of the hearty birthday tribute which the Lyceum "supers" paid to "the governor." Such grateful appreciation must lighten the labours of Sir Henry Irving, who will on Sunday night be the guest of the evening at

The Playgoers' Club Dinner, to be presided over by Mr. Carl Henschel, who will have considerable difficulty in finding room for all of the six hundred anxious to be present at the colossal dramatic banquet at the Hotel Cecil.

Mr. Tree's Hand in the "Era" Almanack.

The chief novelty in the indispensable *Era* annual, conducted with well-sustained efficiency by Mr. Edward Ledger, proprietor of the "Actors' Bible," has attracted much attention. The customary dramatic and musical calendar, the list of new plays and important revivals for 1898, and a rich store of theatrical tales and anecdotes by Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Miss Nellie



THE HAND OF MR. H. BEERBOHM TREE.

Stewart, Miss Louie Freer (of "Oh, Susannah" fame), Miss Sophie Larkin, MM. Harry Monkhouse, John Le Hay, Harry Randall, and Fred Storey will interest many. But it is safe to

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say that the more or less well-lined palms of Mr. Tree, Misses Fay Davis, Dorothea Baird, Irene Vanbrugh ("Trelawny of the Wells"), Jessie Millward, and Rose Norroys, of MM. William Terriss, George Alexander, Ben Davies, George Grossmith, Charles Hawtrev, Mrs. Langtry, Madame Belle Cole, and Mrs. Keeley will be studied most closely. By courteous permission of the Editor of the *Penny Illustrated* (who lent Mr. Ledger the sketches), I copy the drawing of Mr. Tree's left-hand palm. The richly merited success of Mr. Tree's magnificent production of "Julius Caesar" at Her Majesty's adds especial significance to the *Penny Illustrated's* comments—

There is a great development of Luna, which, taken with the long deep Head-line, deeply forked, powerful Mercury finger and Apollo, gives that original creative imagination, perfectly executed, which we call genius. This combination shows great power of concentration of mind; the intellect, which is brilliant, turns to the imaginative, and yet, with the upper branch, gives consideration of the practical side of his art. The Heart-line shows him to be very affectionate, and naturally capable of much kindness and unselfishness. He is jealous in his affection, and loves to be first with those he cares for. He is very kind-hearted to his dependants and sympathetic to all in trouble, his great imagination enabling him to put himself readily in others' place. He has always been much influenced by his wife, who has a strong character and good will—line rising from Luna in left—and he has much respect for her opinion, and from his Heart-line he should be very fond of his children.

It will be remembered there was a surprising promotion of William Terriss's assassination in an Adelphi actor's dream shortly before the foul murder took place. It is strange to read now what the Palmist has to say on the same point in the "Eva Almanack": "The interview at which the drawings of Mr. Terriss's hands were made took place about a week before his death. One of the chief things Mr. Terriss inquired about was his death, and I told him it would be quite sudden and possibly violent, a declaration he repeated before others in the profession that same evening."

"The Lady of Lyons."

With Mr. Kyrie Bellows as Claude Melnotte, and Mrs. Brown-Potter as a romantic and beautiful heroine, it was no wonder that "The Lady of Lyons" proved very attractive at the Adelphi. The play was first produced at Covent Garden Theatre, Feb. 15, 1888, Miss Helen Faucit (Lady Martin) playing Pauline to the Claude of Mr. Macready. In some scenes, no doubt, Paul's English version of a French drama seems a little old-fashioned, and *de videz* scenes are inclined to laugh at its gushing sentiment. But there are many striking incidents still appealing to popular feeling; and there is not a little human nature, after all, in "The Lady of Lyons." Indeed, the Management at the Adelphi have sufficient faith in the old play to put it on the evening bill, will even hope of its drawing large audiences—till the powerful "Maryland" American drama is produced.

Barnum and Bailey's Show

remains London's most comprehensive novelty. The marvellous feats of the acrobats, the bewildering equestrian acts of the three big rings, the dashing chariot racing, the extraordinary freaks, and the elephantine menagerie and stud of horses combine to form an amazing entertainment, which may well open the eyes of townfolks, and fill our country cousins with wonder and delight. What was to me the most interesting sight I have seen for some time was witnessed recently at Olympia. A lady of high degree and of great charm and beauty had engaged two whole rows of stalls, and filled them with a party of young friends, and was unceasing in seeing to the comfort of the joyous children.



MOSS-HAIRED GIRL.



RED-HOT HORSESHOE EATER.

BARNUM'S FREAKS. P.P. Snap-Shots.

of the Press are due to Mr. Bailey for his generous and genuine invitations, which have resulted in huge enjoyment to workers hard workers in our craft. I congratulate Mr. Bailey and his zealous colleagues on not being immolated in the frantic rush of the elephantine "Babe" in the arena during Sunday's trial of strength—sufficiently dilated on in the dailies.

M. Zola

has not erred on the side of good taste and sound judgment in the majority of his novels. So I, for one, was not surprised that this pale little



M. EMILE ZOLA, THE DREYFUS CHAMPION, ON TRIAL FOR HIS PHILIPPIC.

modern Balzac went into frenzied hysterics over the Dreyfus case, and out-Heroded Herod in his violent philippic against the eminent Heads of the French Army, who found it their painful duty, after inquiry by Court-Martial, to deprive Captain Dreyfus of his rank and publicly disgrace him, and sentence him to transportation for life, on the grounds of holding treasonable communications with a Foreign Power. Now that M. Zola has been put on his trial for publishing the singularly rash and indiscreet letter, one does not like to be too hard upon him, nor upon his excitable English advocates on and outside the Press. But the tendency of such amateur re-trials is most mischievous; and the calm common-sense of most Englishmen must disapprove the rabid articles in the London dailies on a matter which purely concerns *la belle France*.

THE PROMPTER.

The French "Tommy."

BY "TROOPER TOMMY ATKINS."

IV.

ADMISSION to barracks in France is not the simple thing to obtain that it is in England. Even a native has to own a relative of some sort.

The "Caserne"

he wishes to visit; and a foreigner has no chance whatever of getting in "on his own." This, perhaps, is due to the ludicrous fear of espionage which our neighbours have: though goodness only knows what the most astute of spies could learn in an ordinary barracks, which differ very little from ours, and are certainly quite as ugly and uninteresting. However, despite the difficulty of his enterprise,

Fowler has Succeeded in Penetrating

"Pioupiou's" Holy of Holies; and, what is more, he did so on a day which was exceptional, in so far that he was lucky enough to witness the arrival of a squad of conscripts, or "bleus" as their comrades call them—a nickname very much akin to our own "bluebacks." He had better, I think,

Tell his Story Himself—

"You should just 'ave seen that lot of rookies! I've seen a few tasty 'eaps come up to my old crush, but,

Strike Me Pink,

if ever such a crowd as that! They was all sorts and sizes—swells in silk 'ats, little ragamuffins of corner-boys, looking as if they knew all the bad in life—and I reckon they did—peasants from the country, with the rummiest 'ats and boots I ever spotted. Talk about a Military training! Why it wouldn't stand no show at all! I watched 'em while they was told off to their companies; you see my little officer friend told me what was going on, or else I might just as well 'ave stayed at 'ome. They stood like so many sheep while they was being posted, and then they was dismissed—to go through a kind of examination to see what sort of education they'd 'ad. As far as I can make out this is pretty easy, much like the third class in our army. My pal told me as 'ow the 'bleus' gets a pretty warm time from the other chaps when they just comes up, the knowin' ones kind o'

'Ave 'Em on a String.

"They are just like so many kids in their ideas o' a spree. The day after they arrive in barracks, the 'cruties' as their togs dished out to 'em, a full-dress uniform, another for drill, and a suit of fatigues—white canvas. Every man also 'as a complete kit for active service, but this remains in stores.

"It 'as a good thing for these blokes that they don't 'ave to buy

A Single Stitch of Clobber.

as their pay is only a halfpenny a day, and they get this lordly sum whacked at 'em every five days, so that after stopping in barracks for the best part of a month, and keeping strictly on the tack,

A Full-Blown Tommy in the French Infantry

can go out with a whole tuppence in 'is pocket! They get some funny things served out with their kit, too—at least they seemed funny to me—cotton shirts—

None of the 'Greyback' Business

about Mr. Froggy—two blue cloth mufflers to wear round the neck—nice and untidy they look, too!

one handkerchief—bloomin' toffs!—night-cap—oh, crumbs!—and a 'housewife' so that they can mend their own kit. This last ain't a bad idea at all, and if they did it in our army would save Tommy a good many extra coppers for repairs. They don't get any shaving tackle dished out to 'em, as there is one man in each company specially told off to do nothing else but

Barber 'is Pals,

and from what I've seen I fancy 'e's got no bloomin' sick lines job.

"They 'as nice ideas 'ere as to the time a soldier should be out of bed. 'Reveille' goes at any time between four and six a.m., according to the orders issued by the Colonel of the regiment. If 'e's old and lazy, well, the boys naturally shake 'ands with themselves; but if 'e's 'arf as lively as our old man used to be,

They ain't got no Bloomin' Cop.

"Between reveille and roll-call there is twenty minutes, just about the same as in ours, and in this time the rooms 'ave to be squared up. After roll-call there comes a rest of ten minutes for coffee, which is served out, and then drill until ten o'clock, when comes what

They Call 'La Soupe,'

which is really dinner. This consists of soup, beef, and vegetables, and every man 'as to sit down with 'is table-napkin, or 'e's for it. The grub is served out in separate rooms, and the men don't eat in the same 'arks' they sleep in, like ours do. This is as it ought to be, and the French soldiers make their mess-rooms look smart with pictures and curtains. At eleven or half-past eleven is more drill, and this goes on, with intervals, until half-past four, when they've finished, and after another meal at five o'clock, *la soupe* again, they are free to do what they like. Good characters are allowed to make themselves look smart and go out, and in order that they may not get led astray,

Have to Be in Barracks Again by Nine.

At ten, 'lights out' sounds, and after that the same rules about silence are in force as with us. Of course some of the older hands get an easier time than this, but, as a whole, the French soldier during 'is three years doesn't 'ave a 'oliday. All the fatigues are found by the different companies, together with orderlies, cooks, and such-like—in fact, the regiments are run much on the same lines as our own, with the difference that our blokes seem to 'ave a heap better time of it. What kind of drill do they do? Well,

'Fly-Catching' at First,

same as our rookies, and then afterwards they go in for manual and bayonet exercise, saluting, and all that kind of thing, as well as a course of gymnastics. In this they get taught what they call

'La Boxe,'

and I can tell you it'd make you laugh to see these chaps—a big squad of 'em—practising hits and kicks and grinds. Some of their high kicking is a treat; and as that 's 'ow they always fight if they gets into a bit of a barney, I shall take darned good care to 'down' any Frenchman I 'as a row with before 'e's quite sure what 's 'appenin' to 'im. I ain't got no fancy for 'avin' my jaw broke with one of their nice light little trotter-cases which weighs about six pounds! I think

The Rummist Go

I've 'eard of 'is way punishment is dished out. A corporal can give a man two days to barracks on 'is own, and a sergeant can make it four days. That 's all right if a non-com. is a bit down on a bloke, eh?

This 'Consigne,'

as they call it, means just the same as our C.B. defaulter's drill, fatigues and such-like. For absence, an officer can weigh a man off with four to sixty days' imprisonment, during which the principal work the chap 'as to do is manual exercise with 'is face to a wall, keep on at it for nearly the whole day with 'is full equipment on. Nice cheerful pastime! If he doesn't behave himself

Then 'e Gets 'Cellules,'

which means that he is shut up in a tiny cell, with just room to stand up and lie down. The only light comes from a bit of glass let into the roof, and his bed is a plank. With rations—and precious small ones at that—of bread, soup, and water, 'e 'as plenty of time to think whether it is worth going in for, especially as the whole time 'e is inside he never speaks to anyone. For incorrigibles there is a nice little institution in Africa known as the discipline company, and when a man gets sent out there to swelter under the tropical sun, and be treated with far less consideration than the worst abused dog, 'e's in pretty bad straits.

"After all, I think I'd rather soldier under the Union Jack than the Tricolour!"

An Eminent Oxford Man was invited to dine with Jowett, Master of Balliol, at the Lodge. The butler, who helped him to take off his coat, sighed deeply. "I am sorry to hear that!" said the guest. "I hope you have no cause for anxiety at home?" "No, Sir, it's nothing," answered the butler; "only the Master invited twelve to dine this evening, Sir, and you are the eighteenth who has come."

Clara: "Why, I didn't know that you had announced your engagement. Didn't you tell me in strict confidence?" Maud: "Yes. What's the difference?"

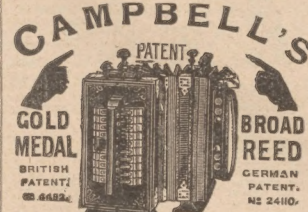
Someone Asked Prince G—, "Which are the Great Powers of Europe?" He answered, straight off the reel: "England, Germany, France, Russia, and woman."

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PRING millinery is already being shown in the leading milliners' fascinating windows. Once again sweet violets are forming a large component part of our head-gear, composing whole toques and trimming them in all forms.

In Fig. 1 a very smart toque is shown, of amber basket-straw as to the crown, the brim being draped in folds of amber chiffon. At the left side, towards the back, spread four white wings spangled in a scroll design, of silver spangles, and grouped with an accented bow of amber chiffon at the back and a bunch of white roses in front. These scroll and flower designs of spangles or tiny sequins on net or chiffon for veiling the hats and toques are quite a feature of the newest millinery-chenille, spotted net being also used for the same purpose.



A SMART NEW TOQUE.

Some very pretty bridesmaids' hats, one of which I have sketched in Fig. 2, are of white felt. Cavalier shapes, trimmed with undulating white silk ribbon, white ostrich tips and ostrich; and on the right side of the brim a small bunch of daffodils, a larger one being under the left side, which is turned up. This chapeau accompanies an equally pretty bridesmaid's dress of white



A GIRL BRIDESMAID.

satins—which, of late, seems as popular for bridesmaids as for brides—made with a plain skirt, a puffed blouse, cut square at the neck, over a chemise of white chiffon, and trimmed with intricate bolles and sleeves of yellow lace. A bow of white satin ribbon adorns the left shoulder, and the general scheme is completed by a bouquet of daffodils.



A Neat Pelisse, sketched in Bond Street the other day, is the subject embodied in Fig. 3. It is of plum-coloured cloth, lined with pale blue satin. The cut is of the simplest. Fastened on one side (by a jewelled button), it falls straight to the feet save for being held in at the waist by a black suede belt with a jewelled buckle, over which it pouches Moujik-like. The high collar, edge of fastening, and wrists, are edged with black astrakhan, a small muf of which is also carried. A jaunty little toque of violets and plum-coloured velvet completes this modish walking toilette.

Sunday at Sea. Smith: "Did many of the passengers go to hear Dr. Fourdilly preach in the main cabin this morning?" Brown: "Yes, but most of them left when he announced his text." Smith: "What was it?" Brown: "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

THE FAVOURITE COCOA.—The Editor of the Medical Magazine writes: "Coca-Cola is without question, the favourite Cocoa of the day. We are glad to give it the highest praise. For Purity, for Strength, and for Nourishment, there is nothing superior to be found."—[Advt.]

"P.I.P." NEW STORIES.

The Prisoners of the Commune.

BY FRANCIS GRIBBLE.

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A WORD, to begin with, about the Commune, in case there is any reader whose notions of what the Commune was are vague.

It was, as you all know, the revolt of the Parisian mob that followed on the heels of the Franco-German War. Exasperated partly by privations of the siege, and partly by the demands of their landlords for arrears of rent, the populace assumed the reins of government, and ruled the city from the middle of March until the end of May. Then the troops of the line, after skirmishing in the suburbs, forced the gates in the name of law and order, and spent a week in storming barricades, gradually rolling the insurrection back until they finally stamped it out at Père Lachaise. Throughout that week, fire, pillage, and murder were the order of the day. Such is the story of the Commune in a nutshell; but this story only has to do with a single incident that marked its closing hours. I heard it in a café on the Boulevard Rochechouart, at Montmartre.

For reasons of my own I was making certain enquiries about the Commune, and that is a difficult thing to do. Most French people, when you ask them about the Commune, dismiss the subject, saying that it is too painful to be discussed; but I had been told by those who knew their Paris that at this café I should meet people who would not object to answer questions.

And so it happened, and I was only at my second "bock" when I struck an interesting vein of reminiscence by the simple means of entering into conversation with my neighbour.

"Do I remember the Commune?" he repeated, with a careless gesture. "And why not? I think I have good reason to remember the Commune, seeing that I myself—*moi qui vous parle*—had the misfortune to be one of the Commune's hostages."

"But—" I began.

"Most of them, it is true, they murdered. There was the Archbishop, for example, they murdered him. There was the Curé of Radcliffe, and there was the President Bonjean: they murdered them. They also massacred the gendarmes in the Rue Hako. These are the stories. And last of all they wanted to murder the sergeants de ville; but—"

"But," I repeated, observing that he paused for effect.

"But the sergeants de ville were not willing to be murdered."

"And you yourself?"

"I myself, Monsieur—*moi qui vous parle*—was one of the sergeants de ville."

He drew himself up proudly as he said it, letting the lapel of his overcoat slip back, so as to show the red ribbon of the Legion of Honour in his button-hole. His manner could hardly have shown more self-satisfaction if his boast had been, "I was the conqueror of Père Lachaise." It was evident that this was a man with a story to tell.

"The Communists looked you up, then?"

I asked, drawing him on to tell it.

"Yes, Monsieur, they looked me up—they looked up several of us—in the prison of La Roquette. Does that astonish you, that the Communists should have wished to lock up the sergeants de ville? Revenge is sweet, is it not? And there were those among them—even among their leaders—whom we had been obliged to conduct, at one time or another, to the dépôt. Naturally, therefore, when their chance came, they looked us up in our turn, calling us their hostages; and naturally, too, the day came when they vowed they would murder us because our friends, the soldiers of Versailles, were winning the battle in the streets. But—"

"But," I repeated, as before.

"But, as I have already told you, the sergeants de ville were not the men to let themselves be murdered easily."

"So there were several of you? How many?"

I inquired.

"In all there were some sixty of us, and we were all shut up together, on one of the upper storeys of the prison, in the cells on each side of a long corridor. But the cell doors were unfastened. I think the good God for that. For that is how we were able to come together in the passage and save ourselves from being murdered. I thank the good God also that Picard was our friend."

"Who was Picard?"

"He was the warder; and though he was a Communist, he was not a murderer."

"He helped you, then?"

"He did what he could. He helped us because he knew that the sergeants de ville were the men to help themselves."

"Tell me about it," I urged, and my friend proceeded with his story.

"The prison, you know, was in the part of the city that the Versailles captured last, so that they could continue to work their devices till the end. You know what happened to the other hostages, and we knew it too. Looking out of our windows, we had seen how they were taken down into the courtyard, and we had also seen that they did not return. That would have been enough, even if Picard had not told us how they had been butchered. We knew, too, that the brave Versailles were fighting their

way quickly to us through the streets of Paris, and might arrive at any instant, and that the Communists, furious at defeat and sure of punishment, would try to kill us all before they came. So our chance was a poor one, and but for Picard we should not have known how to save ourselves. Ah, yes, he was a brave man, this Picard."

"Tell me how it happened," I urged again; and the old man refilled his glass and drew his picture.

"They knew that the sergeants de ville were not the men who would let themselves be butchered like a flock of sheep, so they tried to get us into their hands by treachery. Everything had been quiet for a space, and we were waiting, wondering what was to happen next. Then, while we waited, the Communist leader, Romain, rode through the open gate into the courtyard, with the rabble at his heels. There were other prisoners there—thieves and like malefactors who had been locked up for their crimes. The first thing that Romain did was to set them free. We saw them coming out; we heard them cry, 'Vive la Commune!' We heard the Communists answer, 'Vivent les condamnés!'"

"Une politesse en vaut une autre," I interjected, and the ex-policeman smiled.

"Just so," he said. "They fraternised, they embraced each other, the Communists and the other thieves. And then Romain said to Picard to tell us that we, too, were free, and that, too, were to come down at once into the courtyard."

"And Picard brought the message?"

"Oh, yes, he brought it; but when he had delivered it he laughed. 'Those are the orders,' he said, 'and if you obey them you're a pack of fools.' 'What do you mean?' we asked. 'What do I mean?' he answered. 'Why, I mean that this is a trick to catch you unawares and shoot you. So don't you go down, whatever they promise, but make haste and barricade yourselves where you are, and hold out till the Versailles come.'"

"Brave Picard! And you, what did you do?" I asked.

"Taking a further long pull at the glass in front of him, my friend primed himself to describe the scene."

"What did we do? What should we do except as Picard told us, to build a barricade at the entrance of the long passage on which our cell doors opened? We made free with the pillows and mattresses taken from our beds, Picard himself lending us a hand, and we built it as high as the ceiling. Then we broke the beds to pieces and armed ourselves, as best we could, with the iron bars and the splintered pieces of wood. Presently we heard a noise over our heads, so that we feared that the Communists had found that means of getting at us, getting in."

"It was another batch of prisoners over, whom Picard had also warned. They, too, were barricading themselves so that they might fight for their lives; and now they were tearing up the floor and knocking a hole through the plaster, so that we and they might speak together and encourage each other to be brave. They, too, were sergeants de ville for the most part; but there were also priests among them, and the priests were as brave as the rest. Seeing them, and expecting every moment to be called upon to die, we all knelt upon the floor, and the priests came close to the hole that they had made, and as solemnly as though it were the hour of Mass in Notre Dame de Paris gave the benediction for the fight. And then the fight began."

"So there really was fighting, then, at your barricade?"

"Truly there was fighting, and the barricade of the sergeants de ville was the stiffest to take of any that were built that week at Paris. They fired volleys into it, riddling the mattresses with their bullets, thrusting their bayonets into them, hurling their whole weight against them, so as to try and turn them over. But the barrier was too strong; nothing but artillery could have made a breach in it."

"And then?"

"Then someone cried, 'Burn them out,' and there was a pause while they sat to fetch petroleum. The oil was brought, and they splashed it over the mattresses, and set a light to them. But the wool would not burn. It only smoked and smouldered slowly, and though we were nearly suffocated, we were able to open the windows of the cells, making a draught, so that the smoke gradually cleared away and did not harm us."

"And then?"

"Then we heard another voice crying, 'Ah, well, if they can't be smoked out, they can be starved out. We've only got to sit and wait for them.' And that, of course, was true enough. There was neither bread nor water in our cells, and for all we knew it might be days before the Versailles came and rescued us. You can imagine, Monsieur, how we suffered from thirst, with the smoke from the burning mattresses always in our throats and nostrils. It was terrible, terrible; only anything seemed better than to fall into these butchers' hands."

"And you were long there?"

"Four-and-twenty hours, Monsieur—four-and-twenty hours without a single mouthful of bread or a single drop of water. How much longer we could have endured I cannot say. The weaker were several times for yielding, but the strong sustained their courage. And all the while the noise of the street fighting was drawing nearer and nearer, until at last the Communists scattered like rats, and a company of our good friends, the soldiers of Versailles, entered and took possession of the prison. Then we threw down our barricade, and came down into the courtyard, and learnt that we alone of all the hostages were left alive."

THE END.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE is a true Palace of the People's Pleasure, and must have yielded such a host of sunny memories to millions that it is to be earnestly hoped the public will rally to its support, and visit the Sydenham pleasure in larger numbers than ever.

Under the fostering care of Mr. Henry Gillman, the experienced and energetic General Manager, the Crystal Palace has been steadily growing in popularity. In 1896 there were 30,000 more paying visitors than in 1895, and there was a further increase in 1897 over 1896. Urbane as he is competent, Mr. Henry Gillman serves with the utmost zeal and fidelity an entire and praiseworthy Board of Directors, and does his public better than any other man the exact kind of entertainment and fête likely to draw thousands to the Sydenham heights, where the sun is to be found often shining when it is gloomy and foggy in town. It is public-spirited of Campbell to propose that the community should buy the Palace right out; but, if this were done, it is not probable that the Crystal Palace would be managed so well as it is by Mr. Gillman and his well-trained associates, unless his and their services were to be retained. The best way to make the Palace pay well is to materially increase the railway facilities to and from Sydenham, so that the public may enjoy Wulf's Grand Circus, or whatever be the great attraction of the moment, and reach him in reasonably quick time at night. Perhaps the new Manager of the Brighton line, Mr. Gooday, could accelerate the railway service on his line, and the London, Chatham, and Dover follow suit.

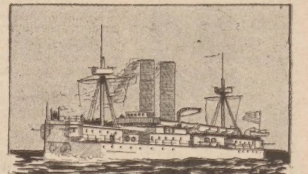


MR. HENRY GILLMAN.

Popular Music at the Crystal Palace.—We are pleased to see that Mr. Henry Gillman's programme that Popular Concerts at cheap prices will be given at the Palace. The growing love of music cannot fail to make these Evening Choral Concerts, commencing on March 31 with Rossini's "Stabat Mater," most acceptable to the public. Miss Mary Harris, Mr. Iver McKay, and Mr. Denis O'Sullivan are to sing at the grand Irish concert on St. Patrick's Day. The Good Friday Sacred Concert and Easter Monday Military Concert will be on the usual scale of grandeur. The usual Saturday Concerts are to start on March 12, when Dr. Joseph Joachim and Miss Leona Jackson are to play. Madame Adeline Badi, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Miss Clara Butt, and Mr. Santley are to sing the solos at the colossal Summer Concert on June 26, when three thousand voices of the Handel Festival Choir and a full orchestra of five hundred skilled performers will be under the direction of Mr. August Manns. For the present, everyone living within easy reach of the Palace should hasten there to witness the closing performances of Wulf's Grand Circus, the hunting novelty of which was depicted in the P.I.P. at Christmas.

"P.I.P." Gleanings.

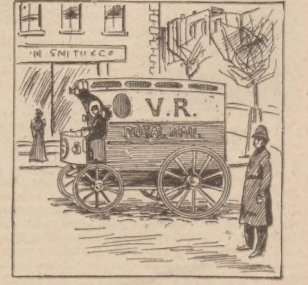
Uncle Sam's Battle-Ship for Havana. Remonstrance against Germans led to the occupation of Kiaochow, and examples of this sort being catching, Uncle Sam has despatched a battle-ship to take to protect American interests in case of need. That the States have had long eyes upon Cuba for a long while is a matter of history, but hitherto they have had no chance of getting their wish except by a declaration of war. Now that rioting and threats against Americans have taken place, our consuls across the horizon-panes are quite within their rights in sending a war-ship to Havana. Consequently the second-



THE U.S. WAR-SHIP "MAINE."

class battle-ship *Maine* has been despatched to look after American interests in that region. She has 11-inch steel armour all over her four 10-inch guns, but is otherwise little protected; the six 6-inch guns have no armour. She was launched at New York in 1890, but has never come up to the anticipations that were formed as to her capabilities, fifteen knots being about the best speed she is capable of at sea. "Blue Peter" sketches her.

The London Motor-Cabs continue to attract more attention than any other mode of transport, but have proved so manageable and comfortable that they are bound to be popular eventually. What is most needed in London is what Edinburgh and most seaside towns have offered the public for some time past—hackney-landaus, so that pleasant drives in open carriages may be more easily enjoyed. With regard to the growing use of automatic vehicles, Peter Robinson's and



THE NEW V.R. MOTOR MAIL-VAN.

other big firms have motor-vans for delivery of parcels. The General Post Office officials have gone one better, and are actually employing a motor between London and Redhill every night as a supplementary Mid-Surrey Mail. This leaves the busy Mount Pleasant at Clackwell each evening at 10.30, and arrives at Redhill, nearly twenty-five miles away, in three hours and a quarter.

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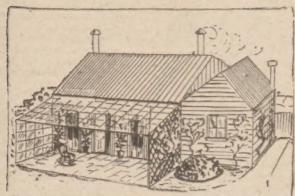
The British Government lends China £12,000,000 to enable her to pay off her debt to Japan, apart from the prestige and the good *pro quo* this would give our Government, a safe investment would be secured for our large and small capitalists. Let me suggest for Rural readers desirous of investing their savings two or three good things that are much needed in this country that will pay good dividends, and that will keep British money at home.

We Want a Few Land Banks

for the use of our small agriculturists, such as are being promoted in France just now by the French Government. French farmers will directly be able to borrow public money on the security of their crops and stock, thus enabling them, when necessary, to hold saleable produce over till markets are more favourable. We want a lot of money-investing in land that can be bought up in large areas at under £10, and

Sold Again in Small Lots at £20.

Is that good enough margin for profit? We want a People's Land Investment Corporation to work this in every county. We also want a National, or at least, a lot of district Mutual Cattle Insurance Companies. Insurance Companies afford first-class investments as a rule. A Horse



A CHEAP, COMPACT, AND ROOMY HOUSE.

and Cattle Insurance Club might be worked on a small scale in every rural parish, if a few small capitalists would put in some funds to start it. Security there would be ample, and a fair rate of interest—4 per cent, at least—could be guaranteed.

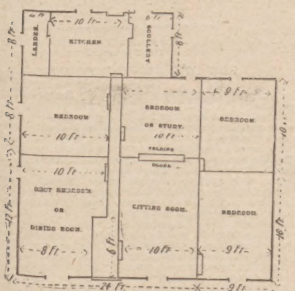
Co-operative Small Farming
and co-operative cottage building afford excellent investments. As to the security for these, in every case it would be necessary to buy up the land to be cultivated or built upon. Every small investor could be a working partner or occupier, and thus the development and the closest economic working of the country would be secured. These are the features that spell success. This is patriotic of it. These plans carried out would soon repopulate the villages and refstock the farms.

A Cheap, Pretty Cottage.

It is at the request of several readers that I give this note and sketch. In every town there are men to be found who will undertake to put the materials together and complete the house on a contract at a price of from £10 to £15, when every thing is brought ready cut to size—a plan I find most convenient when carting from rail is a serious item, or when only country carpenters can be got. I have had the whole of the material—roof, floors, walls, door, windows, gutters for rain-water, and all the necessary ironwork for a 2-2-roomed wood-and-iron house.

Made up in London

and carried over 200 miles for five pence. From the following figures most readers will be able to make out a working ground plan and vary it to their taste and means. Those who cannot do that, and who are proposing to build, I shall be pleased to send a ground plan and specification by post, if they will write me. The plan includes an open verandah or glass-covered porch the full width of the



GROUND PLAN OF COTTAGE.

front of the house. In summer a roller-blind may cover the glass roof of this place and so make of it a cool lounge. In winter it may be inclosed by portable shutters, if thought necessary, to give a recreation space for children. Now as to the shape and style of the house. In front it has two French windows opening down to the floor. There is a porch or little hall within the front door and a passage leading from that to the kitchen and bed-rooms. At the back there is a lean-to which is divided into three rooms—kitchen, scullery, and parlour. In the house itself there are four rooms of convenient size and shape—namely, two in front of 10 ft. wide by 12 ft. long, and two at the back of 10 ft. wide by 8 ft. long. The latter two are bed-rooms. At the east end is a small span-roofed addition to make two more bed-rooms of 9 ft. by 10 ft. This can be put up later on if thought fit. It affords accommodation for men-servants when needed, and may either communicate with the other rooms of the house or have an entrance from the outside. The bed-rooms are shown with doors communicating with the sitting-room. With a garden from the family Brothers' Emporium, Norwich, what an abode of bliss might be made of a simple country cottage like this!

Culinary Apples.

For market growing or for home use good sorts of kitchen apples pay well to cultivate. Of trees for the best forms are standards and half-standards. Some kitchen apples do well in the bush form. The best of those

are Bismarck, Alfriston, Lord Suffolk, Hawthornden (New), Keswick Codlin, and Eckleville Seedling. The latter, a "very best" early kitchen apple, actually bears as shown in the sketch from its first year. It is a most free setter and bearer, and its fruit is of A 1 size and quality. The fruit is slightly flat, and of a greenish yellow, dotted with brown specks. It does well even in heavy soils. Like



ECKLEVILLE APPLE—A TWO-YEAR-OLD.

some of the other large-sized apples, it requires careful handling and packing for market, but when it gets there in prime condition it generally takes the top price.

Making Garden Pay.

"M. A. D."—Try very early kidney potatoes, first crop, and celery to come in after. The line will do good.

Grit-Crushing Machine.

"H. A."—I have sent your letter to the manufacturer of that machine—we are about £75-80, carriage paid.

Manure Substitutes.

"W. L."—Bones, blood, and coal manure, poultry dung. Don't buy the Corporation manure, it is foul stuff. No guano, it is too dear. No lime for two or three years. Three to four cart. per acre of any of the above-named, and try to get up dung manure by next winter.

Cropping Nine Acres for Forage-corn.

"Notts."—Plough at once. Sow barley as soon as it will work, or any time on till end of April. Oats and peas go well together. Seed, two and a half to three bushels per acre.

Book on Pigeons.

"Eastbourne."—Try *Bazant*, 170, Strand, W.C.

To Clean Larvae's Feet.

"Sagitt."—Use a little paraffin or soft oil, or vasoline two or three times.

Prices of Eggs and Chickens.

"R. C. B."—I will get the information for you. Do you want turkey eggs for hatching?

Drying Home-Cured Hams.

"R. W."—Dry them quickly after you are sure that they have become thoroughly saturated and penetrated by salt and brine. You can let them have from fifteen to twenty-one days in the process, and then hang them in a hot place till well dried. No sweaters.

Approximate Proportions in Meat.

"Constant Reader."—I am sorry I cannot give you so near as you wish. Of course, it varies.

Best Outdoor Tomato: Small Farm.

"S. J."—Laxton's "Open Air" Farm: There will be plenty shortly. A genuine scheme is on foot, by which several groups of small farms will be offered to men who can put down a part of the purchase-money. Some can join as tenants if they show capabilities. Get the *Rural Weekly* I named last week, and you will be able to read all about this scheme.

Fowl Fever.

"Silverton."—I am afraid your fowls have got it; but you will know long before now, as it kills them in three or four days. Dust with quicklime everywhere. Drain off and fill up all dirty pools. Put your healthy stock on fresh land. Isolate or kill and bury deeply all the siling ones—that is, if you have had deaths. Of course, this advice is only in that case.

Treatment of Foul Land: Eggs.

"Rye."—Having put on manure, it is too late now to clean this land. But if you plough it with a skin-plough, you will bury the weeds pretty deep, and only earth will be likely to come up again. Sow black oats or barley first, and the grasses in April, about 30 lb. per acre; include Timothy, sweet vernal, forin, meadow fescue, and perennial ryegrass in the mixture for a permanent pasture. No, you can only get a wintergreen crop by growing it specially. Eggs: Yes. When do you want them?

Paying for Ploughing.

"Diamond Jubilee."—If you must pay for such ploughing as you describe, which is worse than valueless, offer £1 per acre through a solicitor—after getting his opinion, of course. But I think the claim is ridiculous, and can be ignored.

Starting Farming—Nag's Legs.

"G. P."—See reply to "S. J." above. You can pull the hair on the nag's legs—a little at a time.

Cat Shows.

"Saucy Worcester."—Write to the Show Secretary or Manager, Crystal Palace, London, S.W.

Healthiest Part of South Wales?

"M. W."—Try anywhere in the Wells district. They are nearly all close to the South-Western Railway—between Carmarthen and Bullh. Rents £20 to £40 for houses such as you describe—that is, good, modern, well-built houses. Cottages, with generally some land, £10 to £20.

Cobs and Ponies.

Several Equivocals.—You must understand that I am not a dealer, but I am often among them and at the fairs. I think it would pay any man who can judge and buy to go to the distant fairs—Wells and Devon—and pick up raw ones. With fair luck there is always a saving of 50 per cent.—at least, on that plan.

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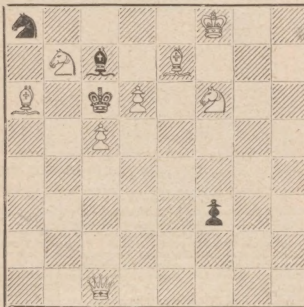
"Dolan," said that gentleman's wife, "ye're contraristrian man that talks, and I'm the best o' ye." "O' do ye." "Will ye answer me wan question, then?" "O' will." "How did ye celebrate Labour Day?" "Be knockin' off work an' doin' nothin'."

CHESS.

CONDUCTED BY I. GUNSBURG.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 208.
1. Q to Kt 4th K to B 3rd 2. Q Kt to K 4th Mate.
1. " " K to Q 3rd 2. Kt to R 6th " "
1. " " K to B 5th 2. K Kt to K 4th " "
1. " " K to Q 6th 2. Kt to B 3rd " "
1. " " P to B 6th 2. K Kt to K 4th "

PROBLEM No. 209.—By A. CYRIL PEARSON.
BLACK (Four Pieces).



WHITE (Eight Pieces).
White to play, and mate in two moves.

The following consultation game was played between three Amateurs and Mr. GUNSBURG during the Hastings Chess Festival.

WHITE (Amateur).	BLACK (Gunsburg).	WHITE (Amateur).	BLACK (Gunsburg).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. K Kt to B 2nd	Q Kt to B 3rd	2. K Kt to B 2nd	Q Kt to B 3rd
3. P to K 5th	P to K 4th	3. P to K 5th	P to K 4th
4. Kt to B 3rd	Kt to B 3rd	4. Kt to B 3rd	Kt to B 3rd
5. P to Q 2nd	P to Q 3rd	5. P to Q 2nd	P to Q 3rd
6. P to Q 2nd	P to K 2nd	6. P to Q 2nd	P to K 2nd
7. P to Q 4th	P to K 2nd	7. P to Q 4th	P to K 2nd
8. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	8. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
9. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	9. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
10. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	10. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
11. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	11. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
12. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	12. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
13. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	13. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
14. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	14. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
15. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	15. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
16. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	16. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
17. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	17. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
18. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	18. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
19. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	19. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
20. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	20. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
21. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	21. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
22. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	22. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
23. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	23. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
24. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	24. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
25. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	25. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
26. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	26. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
27. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	27. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
28. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	28. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
29. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	29. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st
30. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st	30. P to K 2nd	Q to K 1st

With the better game, as both Kt to B 2nd and P to B 6th are threatened.

Kt to B 2nd, B to K 5th, 23. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 24. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 25. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 26. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 27. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 28. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 29. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd, 30. P to K 4th, Kt to B 3rd.

A move of this nature was to be foreseen, though Black could not have lost a-ything either.

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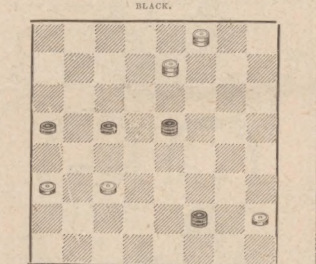
A. B. HENBEST.—Thanks for excellent contributions.
J. A. CHALLICE (Capt.) and J. A. WOODCOCK.—Correct. Our space is too limited to admit solvers' list.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 165.—By Two Holy Boys.
Black: 3, 9, 12, 14, 21, 11k, 26k.
White: 6, 18, 19, 22, 23, 27, 28k.

White to move, and win.
6 2 18 15 2 7 19 16 31 22
20-17 11-18 9-10 12-26 W. wins.

PROBLEM No. 166.

By N. S. NICHOLSON (London).



WHITE.
White to move, and win.

GAME No. 122.
An interesting game played at the top (No. 1) board in the recent North v. South of London match, between Mr. J. BIRKINSHAW (Black), the London champion, and Mr. WILLIAM BELCHER (White), specially contributed to the P.I.P.

"Single Corner" (P); Mr. Birkinshaw's move.

11-15 8-12 9-14 3-7 13-29
22-18 18 15 18 9 15 6 19 15
13-22 4-8 11 27 8-11 9-14
25 18 22 18 32 23 6 1 15 10
9-13 5-9 1-5 11-16 20-25
28 25 24 26 22 20 11 10 6
12-16 20-27 5-14 7-16 23-22
22 22 31 24 22 18 30 29 6 2
16 19 7-11 6-2 2-6 23-26
24 19 24 20 18 15 1 17 B. wins.

(a) 1 5 here appears to secure a draw.

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LORD WOLSELEY, DISCHARGED SOLDIERS, AND

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE.

Lord Wolseley's laments on the scarcity of Army Recruits have aroused widespread attention, but what has escaped comment is the serious leakage annually recorded from the ranks of men, as the official phrase goes.

"Medically Unfit for Further Service."

PRIVATE ALFRED SHAW, How he was discharged from the Army, Incurable, and made well and strong by

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

A reporter of the *South London Press* recently paid a visit to 59, Paradise Street, Lambeth Walk, London, S.E., and sought out one of those interesting, not to say unfortunate, young men—Alfred Shaw by name—who having chosen a military career, experienced the remorse of being compelled to abandon it from causes over which he had no control. Mr. Shaw stands five feet nine inches in his boots, and is in appearance a fine specimen of the hardy, robust young Britisher.

"I was invalided from the Army!" exclaimed the interviewer in astonishment. "By your appearance, you seem as fit to take a hand in the Sudan or any other campaign as any man who donned a red coat."

"So I am—now," replied young Shaw, laconically. "But it's only during the past two months that I have."

BECOME MYSELF AGAIN.

Then Mr. Shaw told the story of how Her Majesty lost a young and promising soldier. He said: "On Dec. 9, 1895, at the age of 18, I enlisted in the Norfolk Regiment, passed the medical examinations with flying colours, and was sent to the regimental depot at Norwich. I was settling down quite comfortably, when I was overtaken by illness, and on Jan. 8, 1896—barely a month after joining—was sent into the regimental hospital."

HAD CAUGHT A CHILL

a week before. All of us recruits had been sent out on a route march of some fifteen or sixteen miles, with full kit. I had sweated pretty freely, and after we got back to barracks I felt a bit stiffish, which gradually grew worse and worse. In the hospital they said it was

RHEUMATISM AND HEART DISEASE.

"I remained in hospital until April 3 without improvement. I went home until May 2, but was no better. Into the hospital I was sent again, and here I remained without cure until June 1, when I was sent before the Medical Board at Colchester, and my discharge was decided upon."

"Things began to look blacker still. I got worse instead of better after my discharge. My mother was worried a great deal over my health, but luckily in July she read something in the newspaper about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and the result was that she bought a box. After taking that I felt ever so much better. In the course of the following month I took several more boxes, and wonderful to say, I felt as strong and as robust as I ever did in my life."

"You say I look a fine, strong chap," Mr. Shaw remarked in conclusion. "So I am—now, but it is thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and you are quite at liberty to print my experiences for the sake of others."

Evidence Proves

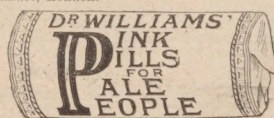
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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HER MAJESTY, despite her engrossing duties of State, in connection with the opening of Parliament, never forgets her humblest servants. The Queen sent a message of sympathy to the relatives of her former State coachman, Mr. Charles Smith, who died at Slough, and has expressed a wish to possess an up-to-date photograph of her old and faithful servant. The Royal wish was complied with. It is expected that the Queen will return to Windsor from Osborne about the middle of next week.

Her Majesty's Visit to Cimiez takes place early in March. On the 9th of next month is the Queen expected to start from Windsor.

The Prince of Wales has decided that the festival dinner in connection with the centenary of the Boys' Museum Institution, at which he has consented to preside, shall be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, June 20 next. Leaving the Princess at Sandringham, the Prince came to town last Monday, and in the evening went to see "Julius Caesar" at Her Majesty's. H.R.H. heard the debate in the Lords at the opening of Parliament.

Lords and Commons Reassembled at Westminster last Tuesday. As usual, Parliament was reopened by Royal Commission; and the group of Peers in scarlet robes and coated hats on the Woolsack imparted to the scene a feudal aspect, which might well have made Lord Salisbury shake his huge sides with laughter had he not been long accustomed to the wearing of these cumbersome and old-fashioned articles of attire on State occasions by his benighted colleagues.

The Movers and Secondors of the Addresses to the Throne are also more or less uncomfortable in the official uniforms it is etiquette for them to wear. The Earl of Harwicke and the Earl of Albemarle, who undertook the duty in the Lords, have both recently succeeded to their peerages. The Earl of Harwicke has succeeded to an ancient name and very little else, for his father was ruined by agricultural depression and extravagance, and the mortgagee have been foreclosed on the family estates. Viscount Royston, as he then was, had a wild youth, but

EARL OF HARWICKE-EARL OF ALBEMARLE



COL. LOCKWOOD VISC. MILTON

has now settled down as a stockbroker in the City, and a member of the London County Council. Lord Albemarle's ancestor was a Dutchman named Koppel, who came over with William III. His grandfather, who died in 1801, fought at Waterloo; his father was a great authority on Volunteering and on cycling. He himself has been in the Guards for a short time M.P. for Rickenhead, and is married to a daughter of Lord Euston of Tatton. He is forty. In the Commons,

Lord Milton is Very Popular. He is the grandson and heir of the Earl of Fitzwilliam, the great South Yorkshire magnate. The Fitzwilliams are one of the historic Whig families, and bore a great part in the Free Trade movement. They have not joined the United. Viscount Milton was reported to have been killed in the hunting-field, and had the strange pleasure of reading his obituary notice. His lordship is only twenty-six. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., is not related to the late Sir Frank. His family have been long connected with Epping Forest, and he is a landowner on its confines. He was in the Coldstream Guards from 1866 to 1882, and entered Parliament for the Epping Division of Essex in 1892. The speeches of the Movers and Secondors in both Houses elicited the customary compliments from Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour. But the Leaders of the Opposition strongly condemned the Indian Frontier War, while the Government as strongly vindicated their policy.

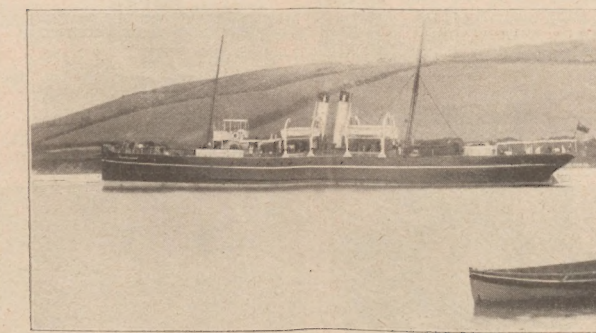
Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone's Attendance at Communion in Cannes last Sunday—both the venerable Liberal statesman and his wife kneeling at the altar—gave us welcome proof that the ex-Premier was in better health.

M. Hanotaux, Speaking in the Paris Chamber last Monday, said that the relations of France with the Negus of Abyssinia were of the most cordial character. As regarded Egypt, France would defend the rights of that country and of the Sultan as suzerain, and also those of the Powers. Europe is considering the candidature of a Greek Prince for the governorship of Crete, a candidature to which France is favourable. With regard to China, France always thought that a cataclysm which would bring about the downfall of China would entail terrible consequences for the whole world.

The Indian Frontier War News furnishes no fresh disaster such as cost Colonel Haughton and other gallant officers and men their lives; but we regret to hear



THE LATE LIEUTENANT THOMAS P. DOWDALL. THE LATE LIEUTENANT E. ST. GEORGE HIGGINS.



THE WRECKED STEAM-BOAT, THE "CHANNEL QUEEN."

From a Photograph taken in Salcombe Harbour.

that the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir George White, fell from his horse during a paper-chase, and broke his leg in two places. General Lockhart returned to Plymouth on hearing of Colonel Haughton's death. Lieutenant Thomas Percy Dowdall, 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry, was killed in the same action while charging at the head of his men. General Westmacott has sent the following telegram to Mr. Harold Dowdall, of Alexandra Drive, Sefton Park: "Mamam, India, Jan. 29, 1898.—Your brother was killed while gallantly leading his men to attack a position to-day. He died as a soldier should, deeply regretted by us all.—General Westmacott." Lieutenant Ernest St. George Higgins, another of the three officers of the 2nd Yorkshire Light Infantry killed on Jan. 29, had nearly completed his twenty-ninth year.

The Jack Tars and Marines of H.M.S. "St. George," together with the officers employed on the punitive expeditions at Brass, Benin, and M'Weli, fled past the Queen at Osborne House on Feb. 2, headed by Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Bedford, K.C.B., formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station. The officers were named to Her Majesty by Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Bart., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth. Refreshments were provided for the officers and men.

The Duke of Eife and Lord Farquhar have resigned their seats on the board of directors of the British South Africa Company.

Dr. Moulton, Head Master of Leys School, Cambridge, died suddenly on Saturday last. He was about to cross a footbridge near the school, when he fell and expired. He had been ailing for some time. The funeral took place at the Kistron Road Cemetery, Cambridge, on Wednesday.

The President of the Wesleyan Conference, speaking at Sheffield on Monday, deplored the death of Dr. Moulton, of whom he spoke as being one of the rare men given to the Connection from time to time. He was a man of extraordinary self-sacrificingness, rare lowliness, and simplicity.

The Trial of Lord William Nevill was the most notable case at the Old Bailey this week. A P.P.'s Artist's Sketch will appear next week.

The Contest for the Presidency of the Transvaal Republic has produced three candidates: Kruger, whose opponents style a "Conservative," and Schalk Burger, and General Joubert, both professed to be "Progressives." Joubert, the Vice-President of the Republic, has unsuccessfully run three times against

PAUL KRUGER.



MR. SCHALK BURGER. GENERAL JOUBERT.

Kruger since 1881. Public opinion appears now mainly divided between Kruger and Schalk Burger. But while the former knows his own mind, there are evidences that Mr. Schalk Burger does not. He has a nervous manner, and seems physically unfitted for such high responsibility.

The Wreck of the "Channel Queen" off the Black Rocks, Guernsey, in the small hours of Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, was attended by mournful loss of life, but the disaster was brightened by special bravery on the part of two Guernsey boatmen, who exerted themselves most strenuously to save life. We print a photograph of the Channel Queen, taken by Mr. Thomas Jarvis in Salcombe Harbour, South Devon. Under the command of Captain Collings, the Channel Queen left Plymouth on the night of Monday week for Guernsey. She had on board a general cargo and forty-seven passengers, of whom forty-four were Frenchmen engaged on the other trade, who were returning to their homes at St. Brieux, where the Channel Queen in ordinary course would call after leaving Jersey. There were also on board one passenger for Guernsey and two for Jersey, one of the latter being Mr. Corwell, traveller for the Plymouth firm of James and Rosewell. A course steamer, the St. George, Port, but known (as the Daily News says) the vessel got out of her course, probably owing to the terrible drift of the tide at that part of the iron-bound coast; and in the early hours of the morning, when it was still pitch dark, the steamer ran on the dreaded Black Rocks, a mile or two north of Guernsey.

Efforts were at once made to get out the ship's boats, but before this could be accomplished the vessel heeled over, and great seas began to break over her.

Captain Collings, of the "Channel Queen," dived at the instant when the boats recovered from the wreck, speaking at the Guernsey Court House, that he had commanded the steamer for two years and four months, but had been with the Plymouth and Channel Islands Company for twenty-five years. He left Plymouth on Jan. 31 at 10.50 p.m. with a general cargo, eighteen crew all told. The deceased, Mr. Balline, Sheriff of Jersey; Mr. Pollard, in charge of a child ten years old; a gunner of the Royal Artillery; and a boy of the name of Harding were passengers. There were also a number of French onion-sellers, in two gangs, one of eighteen or twenty—he could not say exactly. Some of the Bretons came from Exeter, and others from Plymouth, and all were returning home.

Witness was on the bridge, and remained there till quarter to one, then went below, leaving the steamer in charge of the chief officer, G. W. Kegan. The sea was moderate, the wind west-south-west. At a quarter to five the mate called, and witness went on to the bridge. The mate subsequently reported that they had run, according to the log, seventy-six miles. That was at five minutes to five. The fog was heavy, and they could not see the rocks. At the time of striking the vessel was going dead slow. After the vessel struck witness ordered heads to be lowered and lifeboats to be served to the passengers, and urged those on board not to jump out. Witness went to the cabin companion to warn passengers and the stewardess. Here he saw deceased Mr. Balline. The former asked the steward if he had seen the child. Witness answered, "I'll jump overboard." Witness answered, "No, don't do that." The child was on the bridge. Deceased said he could swim to the rock. The boat was not out, but the latter was seen leaving the boat after twenty or more Bretons trying to get aboard after the boat was full. A third boat was not lowered. G. W. Kegan, chief officer, was next examined, and confirmed the master's evidence. Evidence was also taken as to the deaths of Alfred Swan, chief engineer, forty-four, of Plymouth, and a French Breton—Bihan by name. In witness the evidence was practically identical, and a verdict of twenty-one lives.

The Bravery of the Guernsey Boatmen at the highest praise, and has, we trust, been substantially acknowledged by the group-theatrical islanders. Henry and Adolphe Gandon put off at some risk to the rescue of the boat, and the people remaining on deck were laboriously dragged out after another through the water to the lifeboats. The work was very risky, for the strain on the little boat was tremendous, and one man had to pull at the cable with his fullest strength in order to prevent the boat from being dragged under. While the work was proceeding, the sea was breaking over the wrecked steamer every moment, and several persons were washed overboard.

The Mayor of Plymouth promptly started a public subscription in aid of those who lost their bread-winners by this sad wreck.

The British Expedition About to Start from the East African coast for the Upper Nile is to be led by Mr. H. S. H. Cavendish, who has just returned from an adventurous journey round Lake Rudolph. Mr. Cavendish is only twenty-one years of age, and is the eldest grandson of the late Mr. Richard Cavendish, brother of the late Mr. B. Cavendish, of Devonshire. While in Africa, Mr. Cavendish had some remarkable experiences. Four times he was in the members of his caravan mutilated, and on two occasions they threatened his life. He had also an extraordinary escape from death while elephant shooting near Lake Rudolph. Mr. Cavendish will take with him eight or ten Europeans, including a number of military men. Besides the Europeans, the expedition will consist of an armed escort of at least four hundred.

The Course of the Loan Negotiations with China has now been authoritatively explained by the Government in Parliament. The Chinese do not think or act quickly, and they are by nature a suspicious race; consequently they see danger in every proposition submitted to them. Their attitude was faithfully represented by Li Hung Chang when in this country last. We have, however, in our Minister at Peking, Sir Claude Macdonald, K.C.M.G., a man who may safely be trusted to look after British interests; while as he is invariably treated by the Chinese officials with great respect, he will probably bring the matter to a successful issue with the least possible waste of time. In the first instance, Sir Claude Macdonald informed the Hon. Mr. Chamberlain that Japan was willing to assist China to liquidate the Japanese indemnity, and would provide a loan of £12,000,000 at par to run fifty years, the service to be four per cent. annually net, including the sinking fund. The condition on which the loan was offered was the opening of three



SIR CLAUDE M. MACDONALD.

treaty ports. This was intended as a diplomatic check to Russia and Germany. It was also stipulated by Sir Claude that no portion of the Yang-tze-Kiang Valley should be alienated to any other Power, and that we should have the right to extend the Burma railway through Yunnan. In the event of default China was to place certain revenues under the control of the Imperial customs.

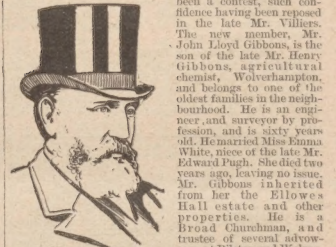
The Royal Academicians are to be congratulated upon their sound judgment in electing as R.A. Mr. B. W. Leader, the famous landscape-painter, and Mr. J. Seymour Lucas, the admirable historical painter, and Mr. C. Napier Henry, painter, an Associate. The gifted wife of Mr. Seymour Lucas, R.A. (Marie Corbillion) painted a number of charming Christmas Number heads some years ago as a commission for the Proprietors of The Penny Illustrated Paper.

£120,000 for Orphans.—The late Mr. Thomas Porter, of Manchester, left £70,000 to enable orphan children who are leaving orphanages and orphan schools to begin life more comfortably than they otherwise might. During his lifetime Mr. Porter gave £50,000 to the Crossley Porter Orphanage at Halifax. We commend the example of this noble philanthropist—who gave the most tangible proofs of his remembrance of Christ's injunction, "Suffer little children to come unto Me"—to the notice of the Rich.

The Election for South Wolverhampton was remarkable because, since 1885, when the constituency was first created, there had never been a contest, such competitors having been reposed in the late Mr. Villiers. The new member, Mr. John Lloyd Gibbons, is the son of the late Mr. Henry Gibbons, agricultural chemist, Wolverhampton, and belongs to one of the oldest families in the neighbourhood. He is an engineer and surveyor by profession, and is sixty years old. He married Miss Emma White, niece of the late Mr. Edward Pugh. He died two years ago, leaving no issue.

Mr. Gibbons inherited from her the Ellowes Hall estate and other properties. He is a Broad Churchman, and a trustee of several adoptions at Bilston and Wolverhampton. For some time he was a member of the Liberal Club at Wolverhampton and Bilston, but left them on the Home Rule question. The election of Lord Charles Berkeley in place of Sir Frank Lockwood at York was balanced by the return of Mr. Richardson in place of Sir H. Havelock-Allan at South-Stafford.

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EAST END TRAGEDY.

PUBLIC OPINION has again been drawn by a terrible crime to the deplorable circumstances of life at the East End.

The Brick Lane Assassination

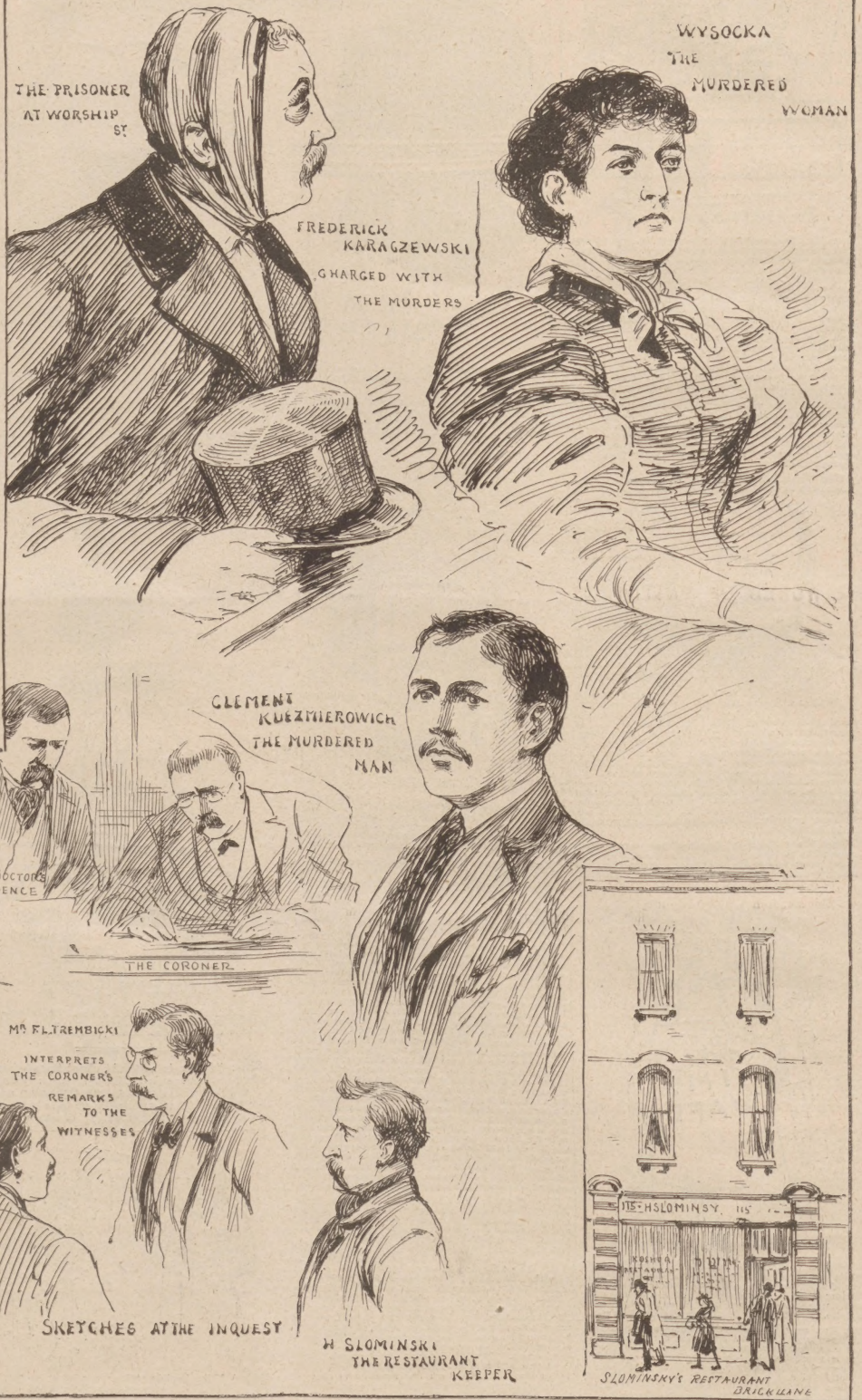
furnishes the P.I.P. with a series of sketches by one of our Artists. A Russian Pole, Frederick Karazewski, thirty-nine years of age, by trade a bamboo-worker, of 115, Brick Lane, was charged on Monday last at Worship Street Police Court, with the wilful murder of a woman named Olga Wysocka (of whom he was supposed to be enamoured) and of a man named Clement Kuznierowich, by shooting them in the house, 115, Brick Lane, on Saturday evening. The prisoner was also further charged with the attempted murder of Adele Kowalska by shooting her. When put into the dock the prisoner—a short, thick-set man—was seen to have been very roughly handled. His head was bandaged, both eyes were blackened, and his face severely bruised. Mr. Margetts, solicitor, defended the prisoner.

Sergeant French, 36 H, deposed that shortly before eight o'clock on Saturday evening, when passing 115, Brick Lane, in company with Sergeant Durnall, he was told by two children, standing at the door there, that there was quarrelling upstairs. Witness, with the other sergeant, entered the passage, and then heard a revolver shot. The place was dark, and they procured a candle. By that time three other shots had followed the first. On going up the flight of stairs at the top of the house they saw a man, whose name the witness gave as "Theodore Karazewski, but it was doubtful if he did not mean that the prisoner was that man. He was standing, he said, over the body of a man, who was afterwards found to be Clement Kuznierowich, and who was dead.

The Police (who deserve every credit for their promptitude and courage) seized the man "Theodore," and pushed him into a back room—a bed-room—on entering which they immediately saw the body of a woman, Olga Wysocka, dead on the floor. The body lay partly behind the door. A woman named Adele Kowalska was half lying on the bed, and beside her the prisoner seated himself. Mr. Corser made the remand till Monday next.

At the inquest, Theodore Czerzowski, a bamboo-worker, deposed that Olga Wysocka was the wife of a man said to be staying at 155, Davidson Street, Chicago. Mrs. Wysocka's room was occupied by herself, a man named Kuznierowich, another, Michael Damisand, and a woman, Adele Kowalska! The witness went on to describe the shooting by Karazewski, and the inquiry was adjourned to Thursday.

THE BRICK LANE TRAGEDY



SOUTH OF THE THAMES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT BROMLEY KENT



THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS JUBILANT.

MORE than a week has passed since Stoddart's team of English cricketers suffered their third successive defeat at the hands of All Australia, and I think the feeling of disappointment at the loss of the rubber is softened. Excuses have been made for the Englishmen; but as the results remain unaltered, those may be regarded as worse than useless. To ill-luck much has, rightly or wrongly, been ascribed. Some aver that the element of pleasure was too great to admit of tip-top form being maintained.

From Stoddart Himself

We learn that Australian cricket is better than ever, and I think on the strength of this assertion it is only fair to give to the Colonials hearty congratulations, and to offer them an early opportunity to display their prowess.

On English Cricket Fields.

Their willingness for Ranjitsinhji to be included in the visiting team, and that they were unassisted by George Giffen, are circumstances that

should induce all to give the Australians full credit for what they have done. What will happen in the last (the fifth) of the test matches is not so much a matter of interest as it might have been but for the eight wickets' victory of Feb. 2. In this country, however, its incidents will be closely watched, in the hope that England may in a measure retrieve some of the lost laurels.

From the start of the match against New South Wales one might have thought our cricketers were suffering from much depression, as they failed to get rid of their opponents for less than 415 runs, of which

Mackenzie Made 130.

and Pre 80 not out. The impression was not altogether removed after the play on the second day, for six wickets down for 227 runs told a somewhat hopeless tale. But Tuesday wrought a marked change. N. F. Druce played a fine innings of 109; MacLaren, who went in very late, scored 61, or two less than Hayward, and the side altogether made 387. Comment reserved.

Ireland Beats England at Rugby Football.

There may be dissatisfied spirits in "Old Ireland," but whether Home Rulers or not, the Emerald Isle can produce a sturdy race of sports-



ENGLAND V. IRELAND AT FOOTBALL: RICHMOND SKETCHES BY A "P.I.P." ARTIST.

men, and among them footballers of the "first water." In 1894, '96, and '97 the Irishmen proved successful; and on Saturday last,

At Richmond.

they gave Englishmen another taste of their quality. It must, however, be admitted that in this latter match, which was watched by over 15,000 people, the play was not, on the whole, of a very high-class description. There were, of course, many excellent examples of individual skill, but on neither side was the combination remarkable. In an international match one may look for, but seldom sees, the best form of football, and upon this particular occasion an accident to one of the English side (H. W. Dudgeon) which caused them to play one short nearly the whole of the first half, and an injury to the Irish captain (S. Lee) which necessitated his retirement about twenty minutes from the finish, were circumstances distinctly against such a desecration. While Dudgeon was away, Ireland scored a penalty goal and a try; during Lee's absence each side obtained a try. Much of the play was loose, scrambling, and very

vigorous, conditions calculated to engender excitement on the part of the spectators. The scoring, too, helped largely in this matter, for while Ireland led by six points at half time, the Englishmen got on level terms when twenty minutes remained for play, and the position was not altered. The end was so near that most of those present had fully prepared themselves for a draw. Then Magee scored a try in such smart style that some of his companions rewarded him by carrying him to the dressing-room.

Other Football Matches

there were of importance, and most of them were watched by large numbers of persons. Results may be briefly summarised.

Yorkshire beat Cumberland

in the Northern Union County series by eight points to none. In the League matches

Aston Villa and Sheffield United,

as if relieved (much against the grain, I expect) from the responsibilities of the Football Cup

"P.I.P." SNAP-SHOTS OF THE ENGLISH AND IRISH TEAMS AT RICHMOND.



ENGLAND.

*J. F. Byrne (Mossley), Back; *E. F. Fookes (Yorkshire), *W. L. Bunting (Richmond), *O. G. Mack's (Cambridge University), *G. C. Robinson (Northumberland), Three-quarter Backs; P. G. Jacob (Blackheath), H. Myers (Yorkshire), Half-backs; *P. M. Stout (Gloucestershire), *F. Jacob (Richmond), *H. W. Dudgeon (Richmond), *H. F. Oakes (Durham), J. Blacklock (Cumberland), C. E. Wilson (Blackheath), F. Shaw (Yorkshire), R. Pires (Lancashire), Forwards.

Referee—Mr. Graham Fiddley (Scotland). Touch-judges—Messrs. R. S. Whalley (President English R.F.U.) and R. G. Warren (Hon. Sec. International Board).



IRELAND (VICTORS).

*P. O'Brien-Butler (Monkstown), Back; F. Pusey (Dublin University), *S. Lee (N.I.F.C.), *L. H. Gwynn (Monkstown), *Larry Balger (Lansdowne), Three-quarter Backs; *C. All n (Lancashire), *L. M. Magee (Bective), Half-backs; *J. Ryan (Tipperary), *M. Ryan (Tipperary), *G. Franks (Dublin University), *H. Lindsay (Wandsworth), *James Lytle (N.I.F.C.), *W. G. Byron (N.I.F.C.), J. J. Davis (Monkstown), *J. Mellwaine (North of Ireland), Forwards.

*An old International.

competition, achieved conspicuous distinction, the former

Beating Preston North End
by four to none, and the Sheffielders administering

Defeat to Liverpool
in exactly the same manner. Sunderland beat Notts County, West Bromwich Albion the Blackburn Rovers, and Sheffield Wednesday the Everton team.

At Plumstead.
in the Second Division, there was played an exciting game between

Woolwich Arsenal and Manchester City, which 10,000 people witnessed. One goal to none was the position at half time; but the result of the match was a draw of two goals each. As instancing the uncertainty of football I may mention that whereas Walsall at home beat Luton by five goals to none, the latter on their own ground on Saturday beat Walsall by six to none. Burnley, Manchester City, and Newcastle United, in the order given, still keep well ahead of the remaining Second Division clubs. In the Amateur Cup tie between

Casuals and Kirkley
at Tufnell Park the former were seen to great advantage, and they succeeded in keeping their place in the competition by decisively beating the visitors by six to none. It was hoped that at Saturday's meeting of the International Rugby Board the affairs in

Dispute with Wales
would have been settled, but this was unfortunately not the case. The Board adopted the following resolutions: (1) That whatever decision be come to at this meeting be published. (2) That the unconditional application by Wales to rejoin the Board be accepted upon the following terms: (a) That Wales recognise the bye-laws of the Board. (b) That A. J. Gould be not eligible for international matches. The Welsh deputation stated that they were prepared to accept resolutions No. 2a, and give a guarantee that A. J. Gould should not play in international matches provided the conditions of the agreement were not published. In consequence of this the teams were selected for the second North v. South match, which it had been arranged should take place at Exeter on Feb. 26, in the event of the difficulty with Wales not being settled.

With the decision of their delegates at the Board meeting the Welsh committee were not satisfied, and the matter has since met at Cardiff and passed the following resolution: "Having heard the report of the Welsh delegates to the International Board, this committee agree to the conditions laid down by the Board at their meeting at Richmond on Saturday last." The Welsh Union have already shown that they are anxious for the international matches to be played this season, and doubtless they will be. With a little more tact on either side, the dispute might never have been a serious one. However, it is at an end now, and it will be best to let the matter rest.

Monday's Matches.

At the Rectory Field the Bla-Khath Club received a visit from the North of Ireland team, whom they beat by five points to 3. Oxford University, at the Queen's Club, met a team put together by Mr. N. L. Jackson, and in what was practically an "exercise contest" the Dark Blues won by five goals to one. Cambridge, on their own ground, was opposed by Millwall Athletic, and a good game ended in a win for the last-named by two goals to none. Sheffield United beat Bolton Wanderers in a League match by four goals to none. Gillingham beat Gloucestershire by one goal and two tries to two tries.

The Inter-University Boat Race

is to be rowed on March 26, at 4 p.m.; so, given a fine day, one may expect that the river will present a lively scene on the occasion. Bringing forward the date from April 2 has somewhat interfered with the sports arrangements at Oxford, and with a very full programme, the athletic club find themselves unable to arrange a match this term against the London Athletic Club.

Actors' Annual Golf Tournament.

Like members of other professions, our friends of the dramatic art like a day in the open, and can fully appreciate the benefit to be derived therefrom. Some of our actors are keen golfers, and annually they meet to compete for the challenge cup presented by Mr. Gilbert Hare, worthy son of a site who has, by his splendid acting, done much to increase the delights of this world. The scene of action was Byfleet, and the course one round of 18 holes. Mr. Rutland Barrington (the pale young carter of long ago and the jovial vicar of more recent years) was top weight, and he looked like winning until his ball took an erratic course into the wood, and his return was not less than 96. As he owed one, this made him 96, a number beaten by one by Mr. Allan Ayresworth, who received 82 strokes. This did not win, however, for Mr. Herbert How completed the round in 91 (scarcely), and so for the second year in succession he held the cup.

South of the Thames Junior Cross-Country Championship.

A touch of business in the air. The country lit up by Nature's most brilliant illuminator. Just a typical day for a run over grass and plough. This was evidently the opinion of the clubs that had entered for annual competition, which,

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from a small beginning, has become an important annual affair, as of the twenty-four clubs that had entered, all but one were represented among the 240 runners who engaged in the race. That the event was decided at Oakley Park, Bromley, Kent, was due to the

Kindness of Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P.

The course, two and a half miles in extent, mostly over grass, had to be compassed three times to make up the proper distance, and a prettily spectacle was presented as the competitors streamed away in response to the order of the starter, Arthur Cook (hon. sec. S.C.C.A.), who also officiated as referee. Our Special "Pastimes" Artist, ever ready, always willing, has depicted some of the scenes of this interesting event, which was a rare treat for the fine form of the

Wandle Harriers and the Splendid Running of W. H. Cornelius, St. Mark's A.C., and F. J. Steadman.

Epsom H., who finished, respectively, first and second, the former completing the journey in 12 min. 4 sec., or 1 yd. better than the second man. The first home of the Wandle Harriers was J. Binks, occupier of sixth place; but their men also filled seventh, ninth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and thirtieth places, and so their total of points being no higher than 88, they won, but by no means easily, for the Reading A.C. were second, were only seven points in excess of this number. Epsom H. were third with 126. Another very interesting cross-country event of Saturday was the annual race for the

North of the Thames Inter-Club Championship.

It was decided at Kensal Rise in favourable circumstances, and resulted in an easy victory for the Tee-Tee-Tee A.C., who, with J. Walker second, J. B. Holmes third, W. Goodyer fifth, and other members occupying respectively tenth, twelfth, and fourteenth places, gained the small total of 46. Unity A.C. were second with 110, and Queen's Park H. third with 182. For first individual position there was a very fine race between C. S. Selsby of the Hampstead H., and J. Walker. The former did the trick by three-fifths of a second, his time being 34 min. 1-5 sec. On Saturday of the present week the Midland Cross-Country Championship is to be decided at North Park, Kettering, and on Feb. 19 the Southern Counties Championship will be decided at Wembley Park.

Len Hurst Beat George Crossland
in the ten-mile race for £20 at Redhill, on Saturday, and he has now issued a challenge to the world. His latest task proved not to be difficult, for Crossland began to labour before half the journey had been negotiated, and at something less than an hour and a half miles the Salsbury man gave up. Hurst finished in 54 min. 25 sec.

The Annual "Gamage" Dinner.
the eighteenth, was held on Tuesday last in the fine Empire Hall at the Trocadero Restaurant. As usual, the company was large, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the

NORTH OF THE THAMES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.



"P.I.P." SNAP-SHOT OF THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD (C. S. SELSBY, J. WALKER, AND W. B. HOLMES) ENTERING KENSAL RISE FOR THE LAST TURN BUT ONE.

chair being admirably filled by the head of the firm, and the entertainment portion of the very pleasant function being good in character and excellent in arrangement.

Concert of "The Bohemians."
On Feb. 3 "The Bohemians," under the able direction of Mr. T. Dalgety Henderson, gave, at the Freemasons' Tavern, another of their high-class musical entertainments. The distinguished cartoonist, Mr. John Frederick, endeavoured to fill to the utmost of his ability the ponderous and elaborate programme, and made a right genial chairman. Mr. Emily Davies, in his rendering of "A Day of Sunshine," and "The City of Rest," was at his best. Mr. Adolph Fowler, a bass of great range, gave "King of the Elves" and "The Diver" in sonorous style. Mr. Dalgety Henderson, with his usual modesty had only placed himself down on the programme for one item, "The Anchor's Weighed," but Brahms's masterpiece, sung in the most delicate fashion, met with such unanimous approval that Mr. Henderson gave as an encore "The Minstrel Boy" in similarly exquisite style. There are hand-bells and hand-bells, likewise hand-bell ringers and hand-bell ringers; but Mr. Harry Tipper is unsurpassed in either. The great charm of his performance is the silvery tone of the bells, which he wields with such a delicate touch. Mr. Tennyson Werge, a "cellist of wonderful technique, acted as substitute for Mr. West Hill, who was unable to attend, owing to an accident to his violin.

Humour was represented by Messrs. Owen Way, R. A. Roberts, and Wallis Arthur. The last-named, unlike the generosity of "Gonks," not only writes his own songs, but sings them well, too. Captain Slingsby proved himself a prime ventriloquist. Special mention should be given to "The Bohemians" last-working pianist, Mr. A. Paggo, who, with Mr. H. F. Stephenson, opened brilliantly with a duet by Moszkowski. "Auld Lang Syne" by the audience brought to a close a concert which was in every way up to that high standard for which Mr. Dalgety Henderson has made "The Bohemians" noted.

INTERNATIONAL SKATING.

The international speed-skating contests for the 500 and 5000 metres championships took place at Davos Platz last Sunday before a large concourse of spectators (says the Central News). The first race was won by a victory for Seyler of Munich, who covered the distance in 47-3 sec. The 5000 metres race was won by Oeschelund, of Norway, whose time was 8 min. 52 sec.

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THE RACING WORLD.

FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHASE there is a wonderfully fine acceptance, but while those taken out of it may be counted as no loss, nearly double the number left in can have no possible chance whatever. A very serious business it is for

A Jockey on a Good Horse
to steer clear of accident. By what you may call his own accidents, making mistakes, and all that sort of thing, the horse, his owner, and the rider must stand or fall. But it is a terrible thing that candidates with credentials entitling them to favouritism, should be bumped, crossed, knocked here and there, and bored by poor creatures able to go the pace in the earlier stages, but not at all likely to get the country if they were left to do so at their leisure.

So far there has been no market worth paying attention to, and it will be extremely difficult for an owner to back his horse yet awhile. Naturally

Manifesto
has been the one most inquired after. Mr. Dyas's horse, who won last year, has top weight, but then he is of top quality, and he won in such style that the public are bound not to leave him.

At Gatwick Last Week,
when he beat Ballymorney, he was by no means fit for hard racing. The Irish division would have nothing to do with him, and it was generally understood that Manifesto was going for a school to take his lack of winning, but not to be knocked about if he found difficulty in beating the others. As things shaped

Mr. Dyas's Horse Won
with most commendable ease, and quite astounded those who knew most about his condition. Given all straight with this splendid chaser, he must want a terrible lot of beating at Aintree. According to announced programme, he is to be sold with all the rest of the owner's horses. I dare say he is

To be Sold at a Price.
but that will be a very big one indeed. The moment the word was passed that Manifesto was in the market, a dozen buyers were after him, and if anything like a reasonable figure would have been taken, there was no need to put him in an auctioneer's hands. I was rather disappointed that

Knight of Rhodes did not Accept.
Nor I learn that his owner feared that the horse might be knocked about, as he is in the early stages of the great race, and did not care to submit him to the ordeal.

Grudon.
one of my early fancies, may be sold ere long. He is sure to run well, and I trust will go into his own hands and treat him as well as his present owner, Mr. Heston. Friends who ought to know tell me that

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in the race, and may turn out a very high-class customer

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The guns, the thunder of whose speech at Alma He heard, were silent all;

And only through the dark of his death-chamber Rang out that bugle-call.

They heard it who were watching by the dying— In silence and in tears;

He heard it as he heard our guns defying The Cossack shells and spears;

In silence eloquent of martial glory, And calm as one who goes To battle caring not how stern its story

If triumph waits the close. 'Twas thus he heard the cannon's warning thunder, When on the Cossack's spears

In that great rush which filled the world with wonder, He led his Fusiliers.

And thus, undimmed of e'er in his ar' and bearing, He brave life's end was done.

His hands pass as their glories ever shone, His soldiers' hearts he won.

It is no little deed to win affection That leaves no trace of fear; To hold a life-roll for the world's inspection Without a blot or smear;

To live in the heritage of a nation, As one who helped to make Her freedom yet more perfect, and her station A rock which none can shake.

To bear a soldier's memory untainted, To live in soldier's hearts, As one who, though with glory's sweets acquainted, Yet knew of glory's smart.

And now for him the last great call has sounded, The soldier's work is done; But triumphs that he won by foes surrounded, In us are living on.

As long as Inkermann's and Alma's stories A thrill of pride can give; As long as Freedom's glory is of glories, The soldier's name shall live.

KATE BISHOP. ("Kay Bee.")

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.
A. J.—All to wife. ANXIOUS READER.—A could sue B for the damage in the County Court, but A might be summoned by police. A must show that B's action was wilful, and not done to protect himself.

SAVING.—Best put by for the present in the Post Office Savings Bank, at any local post-office, and learn therefrom the cost of an annuity provided by Government. This is the safest way of providing for old age pensions.

ALMA.—Yes, unless the gift contingent on your surviving widow.

SOLICITORS.—Rein a recent letter and receipts until certified correct.

SOLICITORS.—Plea ed to know you found my counsel. REPLY.—How can you best show your gratitude? Why, by trying to persuade all your friends to be as true and staunch supporters of The Penny Illustrated as you yourself are. I put several other regretful correspondents as will do the same.

JACK.—Depend on it term of your agreement. C. compromise if possible.

NO MEANS.—See your neighbour's solicitor.

O.S.—Not for legal expenses; only for substantial damages.

J. J. B.—This must be on a promissory note—shilling impudently stamped.

A. B. C.—T. A covenant to repay is good, even if the power be bad, and if the time for payment be past, the borrowers can sue.

J. H. (Sheffield).—At the option of the master unless agreed. W. HARRIS.—You are entitled after widow's death.

MANCHESTER.—You say you had some difficulty in obtaining the Number containing our reply, owing to the great demand in your district for The Penny Illustrated every week. Similar complaints reach us from other big cities. I can only console one and all our readers to request our newsgathers to send the P.I.P. regularly to them every Friday morning all the year round.

C. B.—The Magistrate could not do as you wish.

PARK.—If the "freelord" was devised, the will will hold good on the grant of a new lease. If only the lease was bequeathed, the son is entitled during his lifetime.

F. W. S.—See in the County Court. J. A. (Cork).—Cannot advise on question of Irish law.

MANY CORRESPONDENTS' queries are unavoidably postponed till next week.

LEX.

D'Auber (secretly): "What on earth, may I ask, is that picture of yours intended for?"

Hyatt (complacently): "For sale, dear boy!"

WHAT IT WAS MEANT FOR.

who, I think, is befriended more because of the stable's last year's successes than for anything else.—BENDIGO.

THEY WONDERED TO SEE HIM

"I could not move a yard without help. I can now walk for miles."

There is certainly a very sharp contrast between these two statements. When we see a person who, because of illness, is unable to move a yard without help, we do not expect to meet him on the road and on foot, miles from home, soon thereafter; if, indeed, we meet him at all. At least we should regard these extremes, considered as within the experience of the *same man*, and enclosed within a comparatively brief period of time, as something to wonder at and ask questions about. And people *did* wonder at and inquire about it. Many said the circumstances recalled the age of miracles, supposed to have passed forever away. The facts (briefly set forth in a letter from the man himself) are as follows. We may add that Mr. Henry Jackson is a farmer, well known and respected in his district, and his case is familiar to neighbours and friends of his throughout the vicinity.

"In the early part of 1892," says Mr. Jackson, "I began to feel weak and ailing. I was low in spirits and my bodily strength seemed to be leaving me. There was a bad and nauseous taste in my mouth; my appetite, which had always been good, failed until I had no real desire for food whatever, and after eating I had much pain at the chest and a fullness around the sides. My stomach always felt *burning hot*, and I had a gnawing pain at the pit of it. "I remained in this general condition until August of the same year, when I was taken worse. My legs began to swell, and rheumatism

set in all over me, more particularly in the hips and back. No local treatment had any effect upon it. It grew worse and worse, until I was no longer able to rise from my chair without assistance. In truth, I had no power over myself, and *could not move a yard without help*.

"I suffered so with *mere pain* that I could not lie in bed, and *for over twelve months I never had my clothes off*.

"During this time I was attended day and night, being literally unable to do anything of importance for myself. All the sleep I got was taken in naps and snatches while I was bolstered up in my usual place in an easy-chair. Under the terrible strain of the pain and loss of proper rest my nerves broke down, so that any uncommon event in the house or noise was more than I could bear. My heart was very bad, and thumped until I could scarcely stay in the chair and endure it.

"The doctor who had charge of my case said my condition was critical. He said that my lungs and liver were badly affected, and that I had Bright's disease of the kidneys. Still his medicines did me no good, and after attending me ten months he said he could do no more for me.

"I then got a doctor from Bolton to see me, and he held out but slender hopes of my ever getting any better. I thought the same, and so did all who saw me.

"In October 1893, my daughter, Mrs. Dickinson, of Bolton, told me how she had been benefited by taking Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and thought it might possibly help me. I had small faith, but there could be no harm in trying. So we sent at once to Mr.

Pare, the chemist, in Fold Road, Bolton, for enough to decide whether it would do me good or not. After taking it a short time I was better. I could sleep better, and had some appetite for food; and what I ate agreed with me. This was hopeful and cheering indeed.

"I kept on with the Syrup, and it acted wonderfully with me. The worst symptoms abated, and I gained strength. Soon all the water in my legs passed off, and the rheumatism troubled me but little. Still using the Syrup, my condition continued to improve in every respect, until I once more stood on my feet, and felt like a man of this world. *I can now walk for miles and have no pain*. All my friends think as I do—that under the circumstances my recovery was nothing short of marvellous. You are at liberty to publish this statement, and refer any interested persons to me. (Signed) Henry Jackson, Pewett Hill Farm, Culcheth, near Warrington, October 9, 1895."

No words of ours can add to the convincing force of Mr. Jackson's plain statement. His disease was originally and radically of the digestion. The attack was sharp and profound, and developed into the resulting conditions he so well describes. He may not have had Bright's disease, but that he was directly progressing towards that fatal malady there is no doubt. The effect of Mother Seigel's Syrup in his case only serves to show afresh its rare and remarkable power. Scarcely is so great a victory to be looked for from any medicine. Yet the facts are undeniable. We congratulate Mr. Jackson on his escape from a danger which was much more serious than even he previously imagined.

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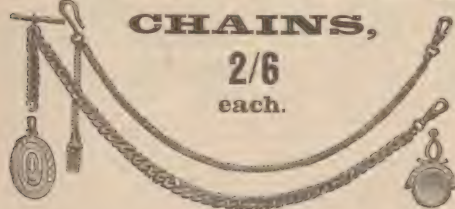
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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

DAME FASHION has been taking "forty winks"—she generally subsides into slumber during sale-time, and she has to get rid of her for even one month out of the twelve!—but she is now awake again, and she will very soon be as vigorous as usual!

The Great Skirt Question

is the topic which she flung at us the very moment she woke up, and it is now the question of the moment. I admit that the skirt is a part of our attire which requires care and consideration; and unless we belong to that section of the World of Women which does not care how it looks, or to that other section which, alas! is not sufficiently well off to follow the vagaries of fashion, we must see that our skirts are up-to-date as regards cut and hang. If the former is wrong, the latter cannot be right! The worst of the great skirt question at present is that no one seems to know much about the changes in cut with which we are threatened, and the dress-makers who have the newest patterns keep them hidden away, as they do not want them talked about just yet. I have, however, been told that the skirt of the coming season will, as I think I wrote last week, be cut to

Fit closely Round the Waist,

and then to spring out in fullness from the knee. Others say that the "spring" will be half-way between waist and knee, especially for the very stout and the very thin. These skirts cannot be made short. To be really graceful and effective the point only of the shoe or boot must show in front; there must be no cock-up at the side (we often notice this "cock-up" on stout figures), and there must be a narrow little train at the back. This special make of skirt will last throughout the spring, much less throughout the summer. I do not think that it is very graceful or pretty, but it is wonderful how quickly the eye becomes reconciled to a new mode. I was not very much taken with

The "Toque"

at one time, and I now look upon it as a very becoming head-dress indeed.

The Hull Mayoral Ball.

given by Councillor and Mrs. P. F. Crook, the Mayor and Mayoress, in the Town Hall last month, was remarkable for the beauty of the women present, and for the exquisite good taste of the pretty ball-dresses. I have the privilege of copying

The Mayoress of Doncaster (Mrs. Dawson) was handsomely attired in black watered silk with old Brussels lace. Music was capital. Concerts and drawing-room entertainments were given in the Council Chamber and the Property Committee-room; ample refreshments were served in the banqueting-hall; and the lounge and the General Committee-room was transferred into a smoke and card-room.

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Women who Have Lost their Youth.

"A woman's triumph in any practical calling must always depend, in a measure, on her youth, where she plays a public part. Does she sing? Does she act? Let youth wane, and her chances go with it. Were positions ecclesiastical and legal open to her, the result would be the same. Average ability, with very good looks, will go far; great abilities, with a bad appearance, will in the case of a woman effect little in the open. It is so human to regard women from the spectacular point of view, that age in her seems some aspect of the ludicrous. An old woman in the pulpit, on the platform, in legal wig and gown, would evoke laughter. It is inevitable."

Now I think that the writer of the above, and Mrs. Fawcett-Miller, who objects to every word of it, are both right and both wrong. The majority of people—it is useless to deny it—are caught by personal appearance, and I know from my own observation that there are a few excellent women who have allowed themselves to grow old ungracefully, who do wear an "aspect of the ludicrous" when they come forward upon a platform to advocate the rights of women. Had a young and pretty, or even a middle-aged and comely matron or spinster appeared, she would have been listened to with respect and attention. Over and over again I have heard the comment,

"What a Pity she Makes Such a Guy of Herself!"

or, "I shouldn't care to have the vote of such a fossil," or "a scarecrow," or, from another, "Why doesn't that pretty girl in the charming frock stand up and speak?" But then

Mrs. Miller is right

when she says that "aged women do not inevitably 'provoke ridicule,' and that there is 'a beauty that goes with youth and a beauty that comes with age.' But the fact remains that the attractions of women, such as Susan T. Anthony in America, upon the platform, and of the late Mrs. Booth in the pulpit, have not, as Mrs. Miller herself indirectly admits, anything to do with age. The drawing-power lies in Susan Anthony's brain and gift of speech, and it was

Mrs. Crook (Mayoress of Hull).



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some of the choicest costumes from the *Lady's Pictorial*. The charming Mayoress of Hull's dress was of pearl duchesse satin, with overskirt of fine Brussels net, embroidered with halcyon and green jewels. The bodice, which corresponded, was finished with purple velvet, Brussels lace, and orchids. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of purple orchids and lilies-of-the-valley, and displayed a winning grace of manner. Miss Crook wore ivory satin, embroidered with silver and pearls. On her left shoulder there was a spray of daffodils, and her bouquet was formed of the same flowers and lilies-of-the-valley. The Mayoress of Hedon (Mrs. James Souter) was gowned in black silk and black chiffon, the sleeves of chiffon bound with straps of jet; and the Mayoress of Beverley (Mrs. Ernest Mills), in a handsome broadcloth dress of pale blue trimmed with embroidered chiffon. The Mayoress of Pontefract (Mrs. Maud) was handsomely attired in black satin relieved of jet. Mrs. Lunnick (the Town Clerk's wife) wore a handsome black velvet gown relieved with pink satin, the bands on the skirt veiled with black lace. Mrs. Whitlock (wife of the Sheriff of Hull) was gowned in pale blue chiffon veiled with white chiffon. Mrs. Judge, with a black brocade bodice wore a black skirt veiled with black jewelled net; and Miss Judge wore a pretty simple gown of pale blue satin veiled with white chiffon, and worn with a pale rose-pink belt.

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"The Woman's Signal."

known to my readers? It is edited by Mrs. Fenwick-Miller, and it very aptly calls itself "A weekly record and review devoted to the interests of women in the home and in the wider world."

precisely the same with Mrs. Booth. But if either of those gifted women had not been eloquent and full of fire and force, it was not the marvellousness that would have been remembered against them, but their talk of years. Very illogical, I admit, but true. I hope some of my readers will buy the *Woman's Signal* for Jan. 20, and read the article for themselves. It will be a penny well spent.

And now I am going to make an

Appeal to the Kind and Charitable amongst my readers, but more especially to those who live in Ireland. I have excellent authority for the statement that, in that part of County Mayo, Ireland, known as Ballaghaderreen (the "2" is not pronounced—it is Ballaghaderreen) there is at present a terrible amount of distress amongst the peasants. The harvest was a failure, and the potato crop is diseased, and, worse than all, the diseased potatoes are being eaten for lack of other food, and there is much sickness. But clothes, too, are sadly needed, and, if any of my kindly readers will be good enough to send parcels of cast-off warm clothing, and especially clothing for children—nothing grand or fashionable is of use to—

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